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# Queen to make TV broadcast

### Union flag to fly at half mast over Palace

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen bowed to public pressure over her response to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, yesterday by announcing that she would broadcast to the nation tonight. She also ordered that the Union flag should fly at half-mast over Buckingham Palace tomorrow for the first time.

Hurt at suggestions that they had been indifferent to the overwhelming public grief, the Royal Family made a series of gestures yesterday to show that they were not re-maining aloof. The Queen decided to fly to London today instead of travelling over-night, while the Duke of York

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and Prince Edward both acpeared in the capital and mingled with crowds waiting to sign books of condolence yesterday. Last night the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and Princes William and Harry went to church at Balmoral and spent some time in front of the cameras looking at the masses of flowers left outside the gates of the castle.

Letters

The change of heart is believed to have been urged very strongly on the Queen by the Prince of Wales, who had been increasingly aware of public irritation at the absence of the Royal Family from London and of a flag at Buckingham Palace.

On returning to London this afternoon, she will record the broadcast in which she will tell of her shock and sorrow at the death of the Princess. She is also expected to pay her respects at the Princess's coffin in St James's Palace and then go our among the crowds queueing to sign the books of

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condolence, as her younger

sons did yesterday. Prince Edward and the Duke of York went together to the Chapel Royal where the coffin stands before the altar. They were then mobbed as they emerged into The Mall to walk the 300 yards to Bucking-ham Palace. Dressed in blue blazers and black ties, and flanked by personal staff, they accepted condolences from people who pressed around them as they walked back.

The decision to break with tradition over the flags at Buckingham Palace was made by the Queen yesterday morning. When she returns there today, the Royal Standard will fly as usual. But when she leaves for the funeral, the Standard will be lowered and replaced by a Union flag flying at half-mast.
The Queen will return to the

Palace after the service - she will not attend the private burial at Althorp - but the Union flag will remain in position until midnight as a mark of respect to the Princess, it will be the first time that a sovereign has been in residence without the Royal Standard at the masthead, but a Palace spokesman said: "It is a unique occasion for a unique person."

The Prince of Wales will attend the burial, but he will not take an active part in the funeral service at Westminster Abbey. He is believed to have felt that his divorce precluded him from reading from the Bible and to have asked anyone else in his family to do so would have drawn attention to his own lack of participation.

He has, however, been closely involved in all the arrangements and the sudden burst of public activity by his family yesterday was in part the result of him "putting his loot down" He, in turn, is thought to have been influenced by conversations with the Prime Minister suggesting that the Royal Family would benefit by showing the depth

of its feelings of grief.
It is understood that as early as Monday Downing Street officials voiced their fears to their Palace counterparts that the absence of a flag flying over Buckingham Palace might spark resentment from people who were in no mood to observe the rules of royal

protocol. Some of the Queen's staff. including it is thought senior police officers, are believed to have told her of public anger that protocol was being too closely followed. There has been growing disquiet all week at the absence of a symbol of royal mourning at the Palace where grief evident in a swelling mountain of flowers and the Prince of Wales is said by friends to have become frustrated by the unbending attitude of older Downing Street said that

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The royal family on their way home from church yesterday. The press was permitted to take pictures from a distance

### Princes read tributes to their mother

BY NICHOLAS WATT

PRINCE WILLIAM and Prince Harry appeared in public last night with their father and the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they stopped for five minutes outside the gates of Balmoral Castle on their way home from church to look at hundreds of floral tributes left in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Queen, dressed in black coat and har, spoke to the two Princes as they examined the flowers. At no time did the royal party acknowledge the large group of photographers permitted to take pictures from a distance.

Dressed in suits and black ties and moving slowly down the lines of flowers, the Princes carefully read the messages Princes. wellwishers had left for them

and their mother. Prince Harry, dressed in a dark blue suit, held his father's hand as he read one message which described the Princess as a "truly remarkable vibrant young woman". The card was left by Ann and Bob Blackery from Benfleet, in Essex.

The handwritten note read: Diana. Princess of Wales. was a truly remarkable, vibrant young woman, taken most tragically in the prime of

"Grief will be both private and personal and as sons of this courageous, compassionate sister of mercy I hope they will stand strong and proud and as befitting young

The Duke of Edinburgh, who was dressed in a kilt with a black rie, pointed out to his grandson a card from a family in Aberdeen which read: "William and Harry. I hope God gives you both the strength to get through Saturday and the rest of your lives. Your mum will always watch over you both. Diana, we will miss you with all our hearts.

May you rest in peace"
The Royal family stopped off to look at the flowers on their way home from a special service at Crathie Parish Church, which is 200 yards from the Balmoral gates. The Prince of Wales drove his two sons to the service. They were also accompanied by their cousin Peter Phillips.

tary to the Prince of Wales, denied that their appearance was in response to public

Speaking outside the castle gates, she said: "This is not in answer to the public criticism. this is a family going to church to private prayers in view of what has happened."

A Palace source said later that the royal family have deliberately shielded the Princes from public view at Balmoral this week. The source said: "Balmoral is their spiritual home. It has allowed them to talk, to walk and to do the things teenage boys would do in this situation in privacy." The Princes will travel to

London today with their

### Israel may raid West Bank after Jerusalem bombs

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL is considering military action against Islamic militants inside areas controlled by Yassir Aralat after the triple suicide-bombing that killed seven people and wounded nearly 170 in central Jerusalem yesterday.

The nail bombs exploded within a minute of each other causing carnage and mass panic amid hundreds of shoppers and tourists in Ben Yehuda Street, Jerusalem's main open-air shopping area. The bombings came only a month after a double suicide attack on a Jerusalem market killed 17 people, but President Clinton said that the attacks would not halt an American peace mission next week.

However, Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, issued an ultimatum to Mr Arafat demanding immediate, wideranging action against the terrorist infrastructure.

"We are not ready to continue this way, he said while visiting the wounded in hospital. We will take all

from this moment on, our way will be different." A decision on Israeli military moves will be taken this morning. Israeli security sources said that action could include helicopter-borne commando raids to seize known Islamic militants sheltering in Palestinian-

controlled areas. Also under consideration will be covert actions to eliminate ringleaders of the two main Islamic terror groups,

Hamas and Islamic Jihad. President Clinton also called on the

of the steps necessary. It must be clear Palestinian authority to make more efforts towards peace and security. From his holiday home in Martha's Vineyard, he said: "The perpetrators of this attack intended to kill both innocent people and the peace process itself. They must not succeed."

Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, would go ahead with her Middle East visit next week, he said, and tell the Palestinians that terror would not

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### Families urged not to bring young children

By Stewart Tendler and Richard Ford

FAMILIES were urged last night not to take young child-ren to watch the funeral of the Princess tomorrow because of the huge crowds. Sir Paul Condon, the Com-

missioner of the Metropolitan Police, gave the warning as he outlined police plans for the event, which could attract up to 6 million mourners.

He said that parents and their children could be trapped for hours on the streets in London and, while people should make up their own minds, he "would be very worried if there were very young children in the centre of the most congested part of the crowd who felt they could not move for hour after hour".

As the Metropolitan Police's security operation for the funeral began. Sir Paul told a press conference at Church House in Westminster: "We are in uncharted territory."

But he told those planning to visit the capital for what the Yard believes is the biggest event of its kind since VE-Day in 1945 that they should be able to stand for hours in the open air and carry warm

People should be prepared for very long delays. Be pre-pared to be in the middle of the crowd unable to fully move for many hours. Be prepared to be self-sufficient. People need to bring things like drinks for children, and food. This is an unprecedented event. People may have to go with the flow for many hours."

He said that police planners still cannot accurately forecast how many people will turn up but the Yard is prepared for up to 6 million mourners in London throughout the day.

The commissioner predicted that London will begin to close down today as the number of mourners increases. The Yard will field a total of 16,000 officers in shifts during the operation and Sir Paul gave a warning that crowds and congestion could continue in central London until Sunday

morning. Sir Paul said that during his career he had been involved in two royal weddings, the funeral of Lord Mountbatten of Burma and the 25th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. Tomorrow's funeral threatened to dwarf them all, but he expected the crowd would be sombre and co-operative.

Asked about security risks, he said there were no new or specific threats. The VIP mourners, including international figures, will not require huge teams of officers to guard

Thousands of police, all serving in the capital, will line the routes of the correge and the first miles of the hearse's journey after the service at Westminister Abbey.

Sir Paul said: "We will give as much space as possible to the public without compromising public safety. The hearse will be taken by a special escort of police and motorcycle outriders to Northampton but it would travel at a dignified speed and allow the public to see it as it passes." Sir Paul issued a warning to

members of the public not to try to follow either the cortege or the hearse.

Asked about the policing costs, Sir Paul said there were no estimates but the police will pay "whatever it takes".

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may you rest in peace and rise in glory,
where grief and misery are banished
and light and joy evermore abide. AMEN,

Alleluia. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest. John Tavener (h. 1944) extracts from William Shakespeare: Hamlet and the Orthodox Funeral Service.

The half-muffled bells of the Abbey church are rung. All remain standing as the Processions move to the west end of the church.

Music after the service:

Johann Sebastian Bach

Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)

DIANA PRINCESS OF WALES: ORDER OF SERVICE

### During the Procession of the Cortege from Kensington Palace, the Tenor Bell is tolled every minute.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by Martin Neary,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Martin Baker, Sub-Organist of Westminster Abbey.

Music before the service, played by Stephen Le Prevost, Assistant Organist. Westminster Abbey:

Second Movement (Grave) Organ Sonata, No.2
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

Prelude on the hymn tune Eventide Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Prelude on the hymn tune Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Choral Prelude: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ,

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1988)

Martin Baker plays: Fantasia in C minor BWV537

Johann Sebastian Bach

Adagio in G minor Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1751) Slow movement, from the Ninth Symphony (From the New World)

Canon

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

Nimrod, Variation 9 arranged from Variations on an original theme (Enigma) Op.36 Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Prelude

William Harris (1883-1973)

The members of the Spencer family are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

All stand as they are conducted to places in the North Lantern, and then sit.

All stand as the Procession of Visiting Clergy moves to places in the Sacrarium, and then sit.

Members of the Royal Family are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and are conducted to St Georges Chapel. All stand as they are conducted to places in the South

Lantern, and then sit. Her Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

All stand as Their Majesties and His Royal Highness are conducted to their places in the South Lantern.

All remain standing as the cortège enters the Great West Door.

The Collegiate Body of St Peter in Westminster moves into place in the Nave.

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

### ORDER OF SERVICE

The cortege, preceded by the Collegiate Body, moves to the Quire and Sacrarium, during which the Choir

### THE SENTENCES

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

William Croft (1678-1727) Organist of Westminster Abbey (17-8-27)

thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer: but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen

(Book of Common Prayer) Henry Purcell (1659-95) Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679-95.

heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. Revelation 14: 13. William Croft

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, says

### THE BIDDING

Te are gathered here in Westminster Abbey to give thanks for the life of Diana. Princess of Wales: to commend her soul to almighty God, and to seek his comfort for all who mourn. We particu-

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larly pray for Gods restoring peace and loving presence with her children, the Princes William and Harry, and for all her family.

In her life, Diana profoundly influenced this nation and the world. Although a Princess, she was someone for whom, from afar, we dared to feel affection, and by whom we were all intrigued. She kept company with kings and queens, with princes and presidents, but we especially remember her humane concerns and how she met individuals and made them feel significant. In her death she commands the sympathy of millions. Whatever our beliefs and faith, let us with thanksgiving remember her life and enjoyment of it; let us re-dedi-cate to God the work of those many charities that she supported; let us commit ourselves anew to caring for others; and let us offer to him and for his service our own mortality and vulnerability.

All remain standing to sing

### THE HYMN

I vow to thee, my country Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918) Tharted.

Gustav Halst (1874-1934).

All sit.

Lady Sarah McCorquodale reads:

If I should die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others, sore undone, who keep
Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.
For my sake-turn again to life and smile, Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do Something to comfort other hearts than thine. Complete those dear unfinished tasks of mine And 1, perchance, may therein comfort you.

All remain seated.

The BBC Singers, together with Lynne Dawson, soprano, sing:

> Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna Guiseppe Verdi (1813-1901) from The Requiem

All remain seated.

Lady Jane Fellowes reads:

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve. too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.

All stand to sing

### THE HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Dominus regit me J B Dykes (1823 - 76)

H W Baker (1821 - 77) Psalm 23

The Right Honourable Tony Blair, MP, Prime Minister, reads:

### I CORINTHIANS 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it proliteth me nothing.

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child. I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass double but then feet force years.

glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the great-

All remain seated

Elton John sings:

### CANDLE IN THE WIND

Bernie Taupin (b 1950) Elton John (b 1947)

All remain seated for

### THE TRIBUTE

by The Earl Spencer.

All stand to sing

### THE HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace.

St Francis of Assisi translated by Sebustian Temple. All sit.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr George Carey, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, leads

### THE PRAYERS

For Diana, Princess of Wales:

Te give thanks to God for Diana. Princess of Wales; for her sense of joy and for the way she Wales; for her sense of joy and for the way she gave so much to so many people.

Lord we thank you for Diana, whose life touched us all and for all those memories of her that we treasure. We give thanks for those qualities and strengths that endeared her to us; for her vulnerability; for her radiant and vibrant personality; for her ability to communicate warmth and compassion: for her ringing laugh; and above all for her readiness to identify with those less fortunate in our nation and the world.

Lord of the loving: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For her family:

The pray for those most closely affected by her death: for Prince William and Prince Harry who mourn the passing of their dearly loved mother; for her family, especially for her mother, her brother and her citizens. brother and her sisters.

Lord we thank you for the precious gift of family life, for all human relationships and for the strength we draw from one another. Have compassion on those for whom this parting brings particular pain and the deepest sense of loss. Casting their cares on you, may they know the gentleness of your presence and the consolation of your love. consolation of your love. Lord of the bereaved: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

### For the Royal Family:

Te pray for the members of the Royal Family, for wisdom and discernment as they discharge their responsibilities in the United Kingdom. the Commonwealth and the world.

Lord, we commend to you Elizabeth our Queen, the members of the Royal Family and all who exercise power and authority in our nation. Enrich them with your grace, that we may be governed with wisdom and godliness: so that in love for you and service to each other we may each bring our gifts to serve the common good. good. Lord of the nations: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all who mourn:

iana was not alone in losing her young life tragically. We remember too her friend, Dodi alfayed and his family: Henri Paul, and all for whom todays service rekindles memories of grief Lord, in certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we commend to you all who have lost loved ones in tragic circumstances. Give them comfort; renew their faith and strengthen them in the weeks and months

Lord of the broken-hearted: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the Princesss life and work:

The Princess will be especially missed by the many charities with which she identified herself. We recall those precious images: the affectionate cuddle of children in hospital; that touch of the young man dying of Aids; her compassion for those maimed through the evil of land mines-and many more. through the evil of land mines-and many more.

Lord we pray for all who are weak, poor and powerless in this country and throughout the world; the sick, among them Trevor Rees-Jones; the maimed and all whose lives are damaged. We thank you for the way that Diana became a beacon of hope and a source of strength for so many. We commend to you all those charities that she supported. Strengthen the resolve of those who work for them to continue the good work begun with her.

for them to continue the good work begun with her. Lord of the suffering: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For ourselves:

nd now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

As we reflect on the Princess's compassion for others, we pray that we too may be inspired to serve as she served.
Lord we thank you for Diana's commitment to others.
Give us the same compassion and commitment. Give us a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag down; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose can tempt aside. Grant us, O Lord, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may bring us to your eternal kingdom.

eternal kingdom. Lord of the compassionate: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

All remain seated. The choristers sing:

I would be true, for there are those that trust me. Air from County Derry in G Petrie: The Ancient Music of Ireland

Howard Arnold Walter.

The Archbishop continues:

herefore, confident in the love and mercy of God. holding a living faith in Gods mighty resurrection power, we, the congregation here, those in the streets outside and the millions around the world, join one another and the hosts of heaven, as we say together, in whatever language we may choose, the prayer which Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Archbishop says:

### THE BLESSING

the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and all whom you love, this day and for evermore. AMEN.

All stand to sing

### THE HYMN

Guide me. O thou great Redeemer Own Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932) W Williams (1717-91) translated by P Williams (1727-96) and others.

Let us commend our sister Diana to the mercy of God,

Standing before the Catafalque the Dean says: THE COMMENDATION

our Maker and Redeemer. ana, our companion in faith and sister in Christ, we entrust you to God.

Go forth from this world in the love of the Father, who In the mercy of Jesus Christ, who died for you;

All remain standing as the cortege leaves the church, during which the choir sings:

At the west end of the church the cortege halts for the minutes silence, observed by the Nation.

Prelude in C minor BWV 546.

Maestoso, from Symphonie No.3.

### DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

# Service will blend liturgy with pop

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE singer Elton John is to perform a specially rewritten version of his hit song Candle In The Wind at tomrrow's funeral service for Diana, Princess of Wales, an event which the Royal Family will attend but in which they will play no active part.

Before the service the Princess's body will leave her apartments at Kensington Palace at 9.08am to be drawn on a gun carriage through the streets of London in a procession lasting one hour and 47 minutes. It was still not clear last night whether her two sons. Prince William and Prince Harry, would walk behind the coffin for part of the route.

The order of service for Westminster Abbey released yesterday clearly shows the dominant hand of the Spencer family, with readings from the Princess's two sisters and a tribute from her brother. The Prime Minister will read the

The Times understands that the Prince of Wales took a personal decision not to play an active role in the service. He is believed to have felt that, because of his divorce, it would have been inappropriate for him to read from the Bible, and to have asked another member of his family to perform the task would merely have drawn attention his own lack of participation.

Informed sources have confirmed that the Spencer family, who have played the major part in organising the service



Elton John: will sing Candle in the Wind

was invited by the abbey

with the agreement of the

Spencer family and immed-

iately accepted. Dr Carr said

yesterday. The new words,

beginning "Goodbye En-gland's Rose", written by

John's lyricist Bernie Taupin.

are a direct tribute to the

Princess. John will accompany

himself on his own customised

Yamaha grand piano, which

will be installed in Westmin-

ster Abbey today.
The rest of the service bears

the clear stamp of Spencer

family choice, and includes

several pieces dear to the

Princess's heart. The first hymn, I Vow To Thee My

Country, to Holst's familiar

melody from The Planets, was

her favourite. She was also

particularly fond of the Verdi

Requiem, and the soprano Lynne Dawson, with the BBC

Singers, will sing a passage

Inclusion of the modern

from its powerful ending.

with the Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, did not veto a contribution to the service from the Prince or any other member of the

Royal Family. The Spencer family did feel. however, that Mr Blair was an appropriate figure to give the familiar reading on faith, hope and love from I Corinthians.

The service will be led by Dr Carr with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, leading the prayers. including those for the Princess, for her life and work, and for the Royal Family.

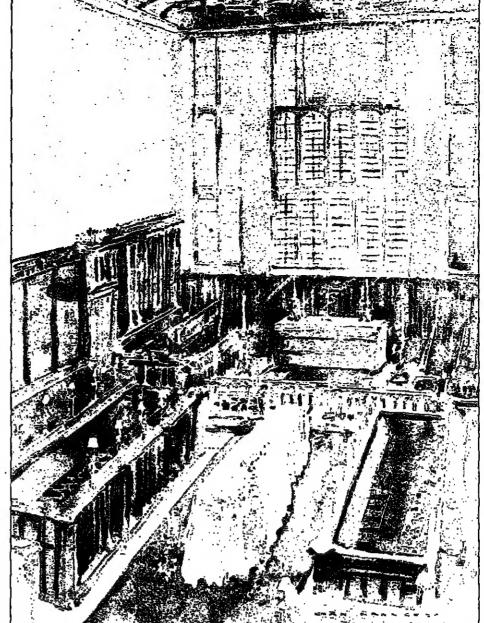
Traditional in many respects, the service will nonetheless make numerous concessions to the Princess's unique character, and the fact that she mirrored the feelings of a younger generation.

Elton John, an active supporter of many of the Princess's favourite causes,

Of Your Peace was a reflection of the Princess's character, Dr Carr said. The traditional side of the service will be reflected in the singing of The KIng Of Love My Shepherd Is, while the Princess's Welsh connection will be remembered in the final hymn, one of the most stirring of all, sung to the traditional roof-raising strains of Cwm Rhondda.

Among the most poignant sounds of the 50-minute service will be the choir singing a modern work, composed in 1993 and full of serene Alleluias, Song For Athene. Written by John Tavener as a tribute to a young friend killed in a cycling accident, its dying strains will lead the abbey and the watching nation into the minute's silence as the cortege processes out by the Great West Door. The silence will be ended by the slow tolling of the abbey's half-muffled bells.

As hundreds continued to queue to sign books of condolence last night, it was announced that they would close at midnight tonight, and that mourners at St James's Palace should not join the queue after form. The books of condolence at Kensington Palace will close for the funeral. They will reopen at 2pm tomorrow, and will remain open at least until September 15.



The scene inside the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, where Diana's body lies

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the new arrangements were a further sign that the Royal Family was responding positively and imaginatively to the extraordinary outpouring of grief. They should be supported for this thinking, not criticised.

The apparent change of heart was signalled by a rare Palace statement telling of the Royal Family's distress at suggestions that they were untouched by the tragedy.

The Queen's press secre-tary, Geoffrey Crawford, faced cameras at St James's Palace and said: "The Royal Family have been hurt by suggestions that they are indifferent to the country's sorrow at the tragic death of the Princess of Wales. The Princess was a much-loved national figure, but she was also a mother whose sons miss her deeply."

He said that Prince William and Prince Harry wanted to remain in the "quiet haven of Balmoral" and added that the Queen, as their grandmother. was "helping the princes come to terms with their loss as they prepare themselves for the public ordeal of mourning their mother with the nation

on Saturday". The Queen's appearance on television and radio will be only the second time that has broadcast to the nation apart from her Christmas messages. The other occasion was at the end of the Gulf War.

William Hague, the Tory leader, said: "Everyone will want to watch the Queen tomorrow. Please, let us all come together now and stop converting our grief into criticism of the Royal Family.

### POPULAR CHOICE

**ELTON JOHN and Bernie** Taupin have this week rewritten the lyries to their tender song about one trag-20th-century figure. Marilyn Monroe, and dedicated it to another. Diana, Princess of Wales. Candle In The Wind, the 1974 song which rarely fails to pull at the heartstrings, has been one of their greatest hits. This week, words about a fragile woman besieged by fame seemed particularly poignant to those mourning the Princess, who rerequested its peatedly inclusion at the funeral. Once again, "people power" made a difference. John, 50, who will sing the song during the funeral service, and his lyricist, Taupin, 47. worked against the clock to produce appropriate new words. The pair have been collaborators for 30 years. John flew to the United States on Wednesday and contacted Taupin at his

Californian home as soon as his own involvement was

confirmed.

may you ever grow in our hearts You were the grace that placed itself where lives were torn apart. You called out to our country. and you whispered to those in pain. Now you belong to heaven. And it seems to me you lived your life like a candle in the wind: never fading with the sunset when the rain set in. And your footsteps will always fall here, along England's greenest hills: your candle's burned out long before your legend ever will. Loveliness we've lost: these empty days without your smile.
This torch we'll always carry
for our nation's golden child.
And even though we try. the truth brings us to lears; all our words cannot express the joy you brought us through the years. Goodbye England's rose,

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# Lyrics to reworked version of Candle in the Wind Goodbye England's rose:

from a country lost without your soul, who'll miss the wings of your compassion

# Silent procession through London will take two hours

THE body of Diana, Princess of Wales, will be borne through the streets of London in a silent procession lasting one hour and 47 minutes.

Tonight, the coffin will be moved, by hearse and without ceremony, from the Chapel Royal ar St James's Palace to lie overnight in the Princess's private apartments in Ken-sington Palace. No time for the

move has been given.
Tomorrow, the coffin.
draped in the Royal Standard and bearing family wreaths. will be placed on its ceremonial horse-drawn gun carriage by a bearer party from the Welsh Guards, and leave Kensington Palace at 9.08am. The half-muffled tenor bell at the abbey will toll every minute as the cortege travels to Westminster.

For the first two-thirds of the procession, the gun carriage will be accompanied by only the men of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery who are drawing it, and by the Welsh
Guards, party consisting of
eight pallbearers, two officers, and two orderlies to carry the

At 10.26 the gun carriage, on its way down The Mall, will pass the junction of Mariborough Road, near the rear of St James's Palace, where it will be joined by those following foot. The Palace was

Abbey bell will toll each minute as cortège makes

its journey, writes

Alan Hamilton

unable to confirm last night if Prince William and Prince Harry would join the procession. Earl Spencer and the Prince of Wales, are expected to lead the procession.

The gun carriage will be joined at that point by 533 representatives of some of the Princess's favourite charities. who will walk behind to Broad Sanctuary, by the Great West Door of the abbey.

The procession is due to arrive by the abbey door at 10.55, where the coffin will be carried down the nave to rest before the high altar. Those who walked in procession will go next door to the church of St Margaret's, where the service will be relayed by

loudspeakers. As the coffin makes it way through streets lined by mourners likely to be numbered in millions, the abbey doors will open at 9.30 to admit the bulk of the 1.900-

strong congregation. VIP guests will arrive between 10.15 and 10.30, and members of the Spencer family at 10.35am. At 10.45, junior members of the royal family will arrive, and at 10.50 senior members including the Queen will arrive from Buckingham Palace by car.
The Royal Family and the

Spencer family will be seated in the front pews on either side of the central aisle. Apart from a block reserved for ambassadors, seating is at random. Luciano Pavarotti is to attend, and intends to sing at a concert in memory of the Princess at a later date.

After the service, with only the half-muffled bells of the abbey for accompaniment, the coffin will be placed in a hearse and driven through north London to the start of the M1 motorway, and on to private burial at Great Brington, near the Spencer family seat at Althorp.

The Queen will not attend the private interment. She will return to Buckingham Palace immediately after the service when it ends at about 11.55. The principal mourners at the family burial are expected to be the Prince of Wales, Prince William. Prince Harry. Earl Spencer, the Princess's two sisters, and her mother. Mrs Frances Shand-Kydd.





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# Forces suspend routine activities

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ALL serving members of the Armed Forces received a signal yesterday to observe the one minute's silence tomorrow and not to carry out service activities before 3pm "subject to operational restraints".

Although HMS Victorious, the Trident ballistic missile submarine, will continue her patrol in the North Atlantic, the commander of the Royal Navy's Fisheries Protection Squadron has ordered that no boardings of vessels suspected of breaching fishing rights be carried out between midnight and 3pm tomorrow.

All RAF display flying has been cancelled for Saturday. which means that the display planned by Red Arrows aero-batic team at the Cardiff air show has been stopped. However, after a decision taken at the highest level, the Red Arrows team, with its nine Hawk jets, is to go ahead with an air display in Belgium.

The air display in Belgium had been to take place tomorrow morning but the Red Arrows have now been told to start the display at 4pm local time (which is 3pm in Britain). Before being alerted to the later time, members of the Red Arrows had been concerned that they would be flying in Belgium while the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, was

The general signal sent to all commands following orders from General Sir Charles Guthrie, the Chief of the Defence Staff. He said: "No service event should be held before 1500 hours on Saturday unless the nature of the event makes it impossible to change, in which case the conduct of the event must be entirely appropriate for the day." This would affect all kinds

of events from official entertainment to checking on the state of the beds in garrisons. The signal also said: "Any period of silence declared is to be observed and all personnel,

subject to operational restraints, should be allowed to view coverage of the funeral." For RAF crews engaged in operational flights over Bos-

nia and Iraq, it would be business as usual", an RAF Apart from the ten members of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, who will be in charge of the gun carriage

carrying the Princess's coffin, and the 12 members of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, providing the bearer party. 31 other military personnel will play a special role in the funeral service at Westminster Abbey. Lieutenant Colonel Ian Vere-Nichol, of the Royal Horse Artillery, will be the chief usher. He will be sup-

ported by a team of ushers representing units and bases which had a link with the Princess. These include the Light Dragoon Guards and the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment; the Princess was Colonel-in-Chief of both regiments before she lost her HRH status.

After a request from Earl Spencer, the brother of the Princess, eight soldiers from the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, based in Canterbury, will act as pallbearers at the private funeral ceremony at Great Brington in Northamptonshire. Two or three others will attend as buglers.

Lieutenant Colonel Sandy Malcolm, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, said yesterday that it was a tremendous honour for his men to have been selected to carry the coffin at the abbey.



# Skies will be kept clear of aircraft

THE skies over London will fall silent for almost half an hour tomorrow morning as Westminster Abbey and makes its way out of the capital.

Airlines have been told that there will be no take-offs or landings at Heathrow airport between 11.35am and noon and that flights will have to be delayed or held in "stacks" to avoid flying on their normal approach to Heathrow along

This unprecedented move which will be formally announced today - will, in effect, ban aircraft from flying over central London for well over half an hour. The aim is to ensure complete quiet dur-ing the official one-minute silence at about 11.45am and while the coffin is brought out of the abbey. At least 30 flights will be affected and airlines say that the knock-on effect of

the delays will last all day. Meanwhile, thousands of passengers on all British airlines, wherever they are in the world, will be asked to observe a two-minute silence at Ilam. Airports throughout the country will come to a standstill as check-in desks close and ground controllers instruct Airlines agree to delay planes so

silence is not

broken, reports

Harvey Elliott

pilots to switch off their engines and bring any aircraft on the taxiways to a halt. British Airways will have 260 flights in the air at 1000 Greenwich Mean Time - one hour behind British Summer Time, "We will show a film of

tributes to Princess Diana during the flight and at 1000 GMT our captains will announce a two-minute silence," BA said. "Our aircraft which may be taxiing will come to a halt at whichever airport they are in the world and there will be no arrivals or departures during the silence." Other British airlines, in-

cluding British Midland. Virgin and charter operator Britannia, will observe a similar silence at the same time. switching off in-flight entertainment systems and stopping the service of drinks or

al foreign visitors anxious to attend the funeral are being flown in and all airline seats and London hotel rooms have been booked for the next few days. The huge crowd is expected to be swollen by two

million foreign tourists. Among the visitors are almost 5,000 American travel agents who begin their annual congress in Glasgow on Monday. Most have already arrived in Britain and are spending time in London be-

fore travelling to Glasgow on Sunday evening. British airlines had pressed for a longer ban on flights over London to stop all noise before, during and after the funeral service. However, after a series of intense discussions with air-traffic controllers, during which foreign carriers objected strongly, a compromise of 25 minutes was

reached yesterday afternoon. Normally, only bad weather or accidents prevent aircraft from flying in a non-stop stream over Westminster. Although Gatwick. Stansted and other airports will be brought to a standstill for two minutes at 11am, operations will continue as normal before and after the official silence.

### **Jeweller** is silent on ring of friendship

A JEWELLER withdrew discreetly behind his plateglass door in Paris yesterday after claims that Dodi Fayed gave the Princess a £130,000 ring just hours before the fatal crash.

Repossi, a third-generation Italian gem dealer, admitted that the film producer

was a regular customer. Mr Fayed is reported to have ordered the customdesigned ring on approval from M Repossi on Satur-day night, and to have had it delivered to the Ritz to give to the Princess over dinner. The ring was among the Princess's effects flown to London.

able for comment.

# Chauffeur 'did not have right to drive'

Al Fayad deepened yesterday after it was claimed that the chauffeur of the car in which the Princess of Wales and his

son were killed did not have

Paris police said Henri Paul, the deputy security chief

of the Ritz, did not have the

special permit it requires for

drivers of cars for public hire.

There were also suggestions

that this might also mean that

he was not insured. Police

have already revealed that M

Paul was three times over the

Officers also voiced irrita-

tion with the behaviour of the

Ritz management in the inves-

tigation and they signatled

that they could start proceed-

ings for lack of co-operation in

Three more photographers

who were at the scene of the

crash in the Alma Bridge

underpass went voluntarily to

police stations yesterday and

were due to face the same

manslaughter charges as the

seven men who were detained

As well as the the implica-

tions for the criminal case, a

finding that the Britanny-born

driver was not only drunk but

unqualified to drive the

on Sunday morning.

drink-drive limit.

their inquiry.

the legal right to drive it.

Without confirming that

he designed the diamond "friendship" ring reported-ly found in the wreckage of the Mercedes, Alberto

M Repossi was unavailspokeswoman said: "We try to respect the pain and sorrow because we are close friends of Mr Al Man who drove

have lacked

permit, Charles **Bremner** writes

Mercedes would seriously undermine Mr Al Fayed's defence in any civil action brought against him. A spokesmen for Mr Al Fayed

insisted yesterday that M Paul

was fully qualified. Lawyers for the Spencer family, the Crown and Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard injured in the crash, are reported to be studying options for legal action. Police repeated yesterday that two tests showed M Paul had at least 1.75 grammes per litre of alcohol in his bloodstream. Mr Al Fayed's lawyers are expected to attack the methods used in the post-mortem

examination. Mr Al Fayed has engaged Georges Kiejman, one of France's most celebrated lawyers, to press his civil suit against the photographers on

voked the crash by pursuing the Princess. M Kiejman, family of the late President Mitterrand, is pressing Judge Herve Stephan, the examining magistrate, to broaden his manslaughter investigation to determine whether the presence of paparazzi had played a role in the crash. Under French law, aggrieved parties may plead their civil cases in the same proceedings as crim-

inal prosecution. Experts were uncertain yesterday over the insurance implications. Rene Bustier, a lawyer who represents insurance companies, said he believed the argument over the driver's special qualification did not apply because the car was not being hired out to the Princess and Dodi Fayed.

The Mercedes was one of six limousines leased permanently to the Ritz by Etoile-Limousine, a Paris company.

Investigators reported yes terday that the Mercedes had been in good mechanical condition. Officials also moved to scorch a potential bidding war for the wreck, saying it could be held indefinitely and perhaps permanently by the French police.

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Harriet Harman Social Security Secretary: 46

Shadow Employment Secretary (1994 to from 1974 to 1983 and 1997). Married in 1982 to Jack Dromey. senior official at the Transport and General Workers Union; has two sons and one daughter.



Ron Davies Welsh Secretary: 50

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### Blunkett has the practical problems of office taped

By John O'Leary, Education editor

WHITEHALL has been preparing for almost a year for the arrival of David Blunkett, the first blind Cabinet minister. But Mr Blunkett has already discovered one prob-lem: his braille briefing papers are too large to fit into the "red box" that ministers

take home with them at night. Officials have wrestled with the problem of distilling 100 or more pages of briefing every day. Policy papers are to be limited to four pages and will have a short summary so that the Education and Employment Secretary can assess whether he needs a full

At Mr Blunkett's request, the department will use mainly taped submissions. A "reading unit" has been created to produce the audio cassettes.

Mr Blunkett will rely on his adviser to filter material. A small team centred on his researcher. Conor Ryan, has carried out the process in Opposition. The department is examining how big the team

needs to be in government. Mr Blunkett has an outstanding memory and has told the department that he can cope with 40 pages a day on audio tape, with a back-up on braille for statistics and partic-

ularly important texts. Mr Blunkett has asked those intending to send submissions on future policy to do so in print, rather than in braille or on tape, so that the department can operate in the normal way. "In order to allow us to deal with matters in an orderly fashion. I would like people to forget that I cannot see and continue to deal with the department in

the normal way." he said. "I am requesting that they take a leaf out of my own book. which is to approach this job Secretary of State and allow the department to work with me in overcoming any practical problems."

The 49-year-old MP for Sheffield Brightside has been blind since birth. His optic nerves failed to develop, and he can barely distinguish between bright light and

darkness. His father died in an indus trial accident when he was 12 and he had an unhappy period at a boarding school for the blind. He spent six years at evening classes gaining the A levels needed for a place at Sheffield University. Fellow students of politics took turns reading texts onto cassettes.

As leader of Sheffield City Council, he relied on a combination of braille and tapes to keep up with policy papers. After his election to Parliament in 1987, the Palace of rules on animals to accommo date his guide dog.

Mr Blunkett held his first education briefing within hours of his appointment on Friday. He promised separate White Papers on education and employment soon with the prospect of one overarching bill in the first session of Parliament.

The task of writing the core of the education White Paper will fall to Professor Michael Barber, who has been appointed Special Adviser on Standards and Effectiveness in Schools. Professor Barber will be seconded from his post of Dean of New Initiative at the Institute of Education in

A focus group for teachers will be set up, to keep the department informed of their views. Teachers will be faced with a barrage of changes. including compulsory retraining in teaching the basics of

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### Field called up for his radical thinking

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair's decision to ap-point Frank Field as number two at social security signals the Prime Minister's determination to implement sweeping reforms of the welfare

Mr Field will deputise for

Harriet Harman, who has kept her shadow cabinet portfolio, but Mr Blair will be relying on the maverick MP for Birkenhead to think the unthinkable" which is likely to include a pensions shake-up. Mr Blair had hoped that his shadow team would have come up with more radical welfare changes but Chris Smith ducked the issue and Harriet Harman's strength is in presentation, rather than

Mr Field is known for his radical thinking — often more right wing than Peter Lilley's — and perhaps because of that he has been notably absent from Labour's front bench since 1984. Mr Blair made the first formal overtures to him last July, appointing him as a clude merging benefits and

welfare to work programme,

frontbench job. A social policy expert who is prepared to speak his mind, Mr Field has chaired the Commons social security select committee for the past six years and had studied almost every aspect of the £90

billion welfare programme. Last autumn he unveiled his plans for a "stakeholders" welfare" which included big increases in National Insurance contributions to fund the NHS, a new care pension to finance long-term care for the elderly, and insurance against

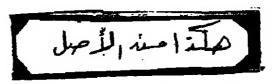
unemployment. Labour sources insisted that Mr Field's blueprint would not be implemented but his ideas would be seriously studied. In the shorter term he and Ms Harman will implement plans to help single mothers into work and get the poorest pensioners to take up their benefit entitlement. Other medium-term areas could inAt work in every corner of the world there's an engineering company called Siebe. In Japan, the Bullet train telephones run on our power control systems, keeping passengers talking at top speed.



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# Social stars shine again in Mountbatten movies

By ALEXANDRA FREAN

A UNIQUE collection of home movies of the Mountbatten family, depicting Britain's upper class at play between the wars, has been discovered after nearly 60 years of neglect. The collection of around 30 films seen are Oswald Mosley. captures intimate family moments shared by Lord Mounthatten of Burma and his wife Edwina, her sister Mary and Mary's husband Captain Alec "Bobbie" Cunningham-Reid, and many famous friends. The list of friends featured in the holi-



Earl Mountbatten

day films reads like a Who's Who of the inter-war years. including the actors Douglas and Charlie Chaplin and the politicians Neville Chamberlain and Rab Butler. Also sunning himself on a deckchair in the South of France, and a very young Barbara Cartland,

The real star of the films. however, is Edwina Mountbatten. A strong and beautiful woman, she becomes a complete coquette in front of the camera. In one sequence she is filmed putting on her make-up and plucking her eyebrows in front of a mirror. giving knowing glances towards the camera

Edwina, who became a millionaire as a very young woman when her grandfather died, went on to forge a distinguished career as a social welfare worker in service with the Order of St John. The home movies are a glimpse into the impish side of her character, rarely seen in public.

The films were shot with a lomm camera by Cunning-ham-Reid, an MP who went



on to become chairman of the Royal Shakespeare Com- granddaughter, Fiona, a docpany. Not only did he know the rich and famous, he also travelled to locations rarely captured on film in the first half of the century. He filmed a Jewish market in the Warsaw ghetto and street scenes

in Moscow in the 1930s. The films were found by

umentary film-maker living in Australia.

Ms Cunningham-Reid said she did not think that the films had been shown in their entirety for nearly 60 years. None has been shown in public. She had spent a week watching them in growing

fancied himself as a filmmaker. He used to edit all his home movies and had a cinema at home where he would bore to death anyone

making them watch the films," she said. Ms Cunningham-Reid has deposited the films with the archive company Film Im-

who visited the house by

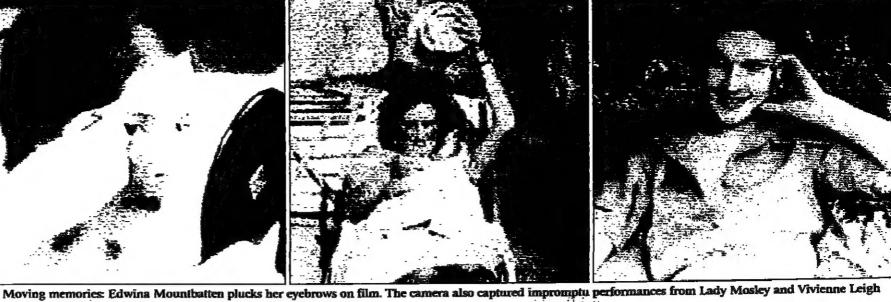
footage, is planning to make a documentary film about her grandparents lives.

Linda Kaye of the National Film and Television Archives said that home movies featuring well-known public fig-ures filled in many of the gaps in the history books.
"Films such as these provide a window on the social life and manners of the time.

Even if you have written documentation of somebody's life or their holidays, you do not get a full picture of what they were really like,"

she said. "With moving images you get a different picture - their body language, their de-meanour and their expres-sions tell you something about the kind of person they

and projectors did not become widely available until the 1920s, when both Pathe and Kodak produced models. These were very expensive the early Kodak models cost \$335 — and tended to be playthings only of the rich. Home movie cameras did not become a mass-market product until the 1950s and 1960s.



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### Ringo birthplace could be listed

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE abandoned terrace house looks more likely to be listing than listed. Number 9 Madryn Street, in Toxteth, Liverpool, has corrugated iron nailed over its single downstairs front window, a leaky roof, smashed lavatory and crumbling œilings.

However, it could become the first birthplace of a living person to protected as a listed building of historical interest. That person was Richard Starkey, born in 1940, better known as Ringo Starr, drummer with The Beatles.

The house was sold at auction for £13,200 in March. The new owner, Cliff Cooper, who bought it unseen, says: "It's in a terrible state, but the aim is to get it listed." Martin Cherry. English Heritage's head of listing, said yesterday:

"The impact of The Beatles on & late 20th century British culture is so huge, we would look at it very seriously indeed. Since it raises a particular issue, to commemorate people who are still alive, we would probably take it to one of our internal committees."

Mr Cooper, managing director of World of Music shops, wants to rent out the house where the child Ringo sheltered from air raids in a curboard under the stairs. He plans to renovate it and place a tourist plaque on an outside wall showing its significance, but says the rent won't reflect

In 1995, the National Trust bought the Liverpool house where Sir Paul McCartney grew up, and plans to open it to the public.



Street of fame: 9 Madryn Street, right



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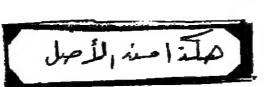
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### **HOME NEWS**

# World's cameras poised for the final photocall

MORE cameras than ever confronted the Princess of Wales in life will follow her to her final resting place

Television crews have been flown in from networks around the world and all have reporters and cameramen positioned at vantage points along the procession route. The pictures will be beamed into space and back again to be commented on in

An estimated 2.5 billion people will see the event in countries from Latin America to the Far East. Only Antarctica will have no coverage.

The biggest televised event in history has brought the world's media into the Royal Family's back yard. On the right hand side of The Mall, as one faces Buckingham Palace, a fenced village has sprung up on the fringes of

From a distance, the inhab

Damian Whitworth visits the global

village set up for the foreign media

itants of the compound sound like a cosmopolitan community of travellers, jabbering in dozens of languages. But their tents and vans bristle with hi-tech television wizardry, rather than mangy dogs and bare-footed child-ren. They have constructed platforms, even studios with windows, on scaffolding overlooking the Palace.

One camera, on a 200ft hydraulic arm, breaks through the leafy canopy to provide a pigeon's eye-view of the throngs laying flowers below. Yesterday, many mourners turned around to press against the fence and take their own pictures as presenters of every hue put on their make-up and broadcast to their nations,

Many of those watching

found themselves being interviewed about the sad event. Staff from one television station took to carrying a sign:

"Any Canadians

ny the foreign networks will have to rely on the BBC and ITN, which have 19 cameras installed within Westminster Abbey and will supply the rest of the world. The BBC alone is deploying 300 staff, 100 cameras and 22 outside broadcast units for the day. The pictures will be relayed from the BBC's mobile control centre, a huge lorry parked in the street outside

the abbey. Big American networks such as CBS will also be beaming live transmissions from the Royal Palaces. Dan

man, will speak to his audi-

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

John Paxson, deputy bu-reau chief in London, said: "We will be covering the funeral continuously starting one hour before and running until about an hour after the event has concluded. We For pictures of the ceremohave more than 100 people

working on our coverage."

Michael Hill, an NBC reporter, said he had lost track of the size of his network's operation. "We have got hundreds here in London and in story back home is astounding - bigger than the royal wedding."

All four big American net-works — ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox - plan live coverage. Most of Australia's 18 million population are expected to watch because the Ham funeral falls at the peak



World news: an American television journalist delivering her report yesterday from inside the compound

Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and at 5pm in Perth. In Britain, 25 million viewers are expected to watch. The Princess's wedding to the

Prince of Wales in 1981 at-

worldwide. The previous biggest television audience was two billion for the 1994 Italy v Brazil World Cup final. Some smaller foreign sta-

tions will rely on live pictures

have sent just one crew to compile background reports. However, Macarena Puigrredon, the only reporter here from Chile's Channel 13, said that there was huge interest

"The funeral will be very early in the morning in Chile but it will be shown live. This story is leading all the bulletins back home Additional reporting by

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# **Brother asks** editors of tabloids to stay away

EARL SPENCER has asked the editors of British tabloid newspapers not to attend the roles. However, she had a funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, although many had already accepted invitations from Buckingham Palace.

The editors agreed to the request by the brother of the Princess after he telephoned them yesterday to explain that he did not want them at the ceremony at Westminster Abbey. He said that broadsheet editors were still welcome.

A statement issued by the earl's press office said yesterday: "Lord Spencer has personally asked the tabloid editors not to come because he and his sisters, particularly Diana, would not have wished them to be there. They have kindly agreed to the request. Although broadsheet and regional papers are welcome."

A spokesman for Piers Morgan, Editor of The Mirror. who had already accepted his invitation from the Lord Chamberlain's Office at Buckingham Palace, said: "The earl rang on behalf of the family requesting that we abstain ourselves from the funeral. We are obviously accepting his request

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We did not realise he was allowing the broadsheets. When he spoke to us this morning, he said it applied to all national newspapers, and that the only people going were Diana's personal friends."

Phil Walker. Editor of the Daily Star, accepted a verbal invitation from the Lord Chamberlain's Office on Wednesday. The earl telephoned his office yesterday morning. He said: "He spoke to my PA and asked us not to attend. Of course, he is Diana's brother and if he doesn't want me to o, I won't go. It would be nthinkable.

The way she died was

awful and it has made us all think about our particular special relationship with the Daily Star because we helped in a lot of charity events and she came to our Gold Star awards to make a special presentation earlier this year. We were to have had lunch

together later this month.
"Maybe he doesn't appreciate that she had personal contact with many editors who helped her, including myself." Asked whether he thought the earl was unfairly blaming the media, Mr Walker replied: 'I think the earl is expressing his grief at the circumstances surrounding her death. He himself has been the victim of newspaper stories that have

not been helpful to him." A spokesman for Associated Newspapers, which owns the Daily Mail and The Mail on Sunday, confirmed that its chairman, Sir David English, who was a friend of the Princess, was still invited.

A spokesman for Richard Addis, Editor of The Express, said: "He will not be making any comment. He has not spoken to the press all week."

Jane Reed, corporate affairs director of News International, said in a statement: "Stuart Higgins, Editor of The Sun. was surprised and honoured that he had received an invitation to the funeral, which he accepted. Lord Spencer contacted his office and asked that he not attend as a mark of respect to the Princess. Mr

Higgins was happy to comply.
"Phil Hall, Editor of the News of the World, was planning to send a representative. He too is happy to respect the

earl's wishes." A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "We are making no comment on this. It is a matter for Lord Spencer."







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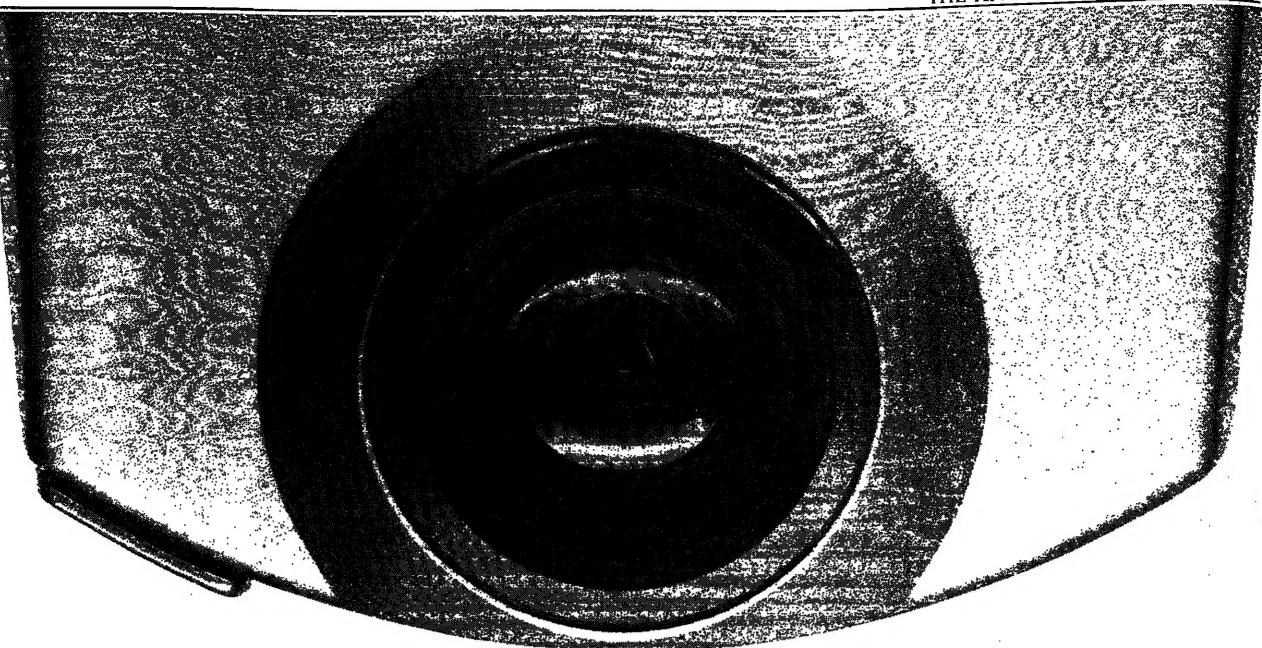
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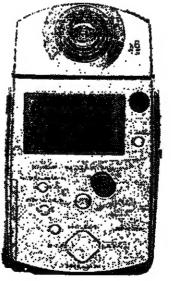
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# Blair vows to raise standards in 5,000 schools

TONY BLAIR set his Government the task of raising stan-dards in the worst 5,000 state schools at a second meeting on education held yesterday at Downing Street.

The two-hour seminar, at-tended by 50 head teachers and education specialists, including five ministers, laid the ground for an autumn campaign on school performance. Public consultation on the Government's plans will begin next week with a series of regional conferences.

Mr Blair is anxious to reassert education's place at the top of the agenda after a summer of political setbacks. Yesterday's meeting was one of the few diary engagements to be retained since the death of the Princess of Wales.

The Prime Minister told his guests that the death of the Princess was something more profound than anything I can remember in the totality of my life". But he said ministers thought it right to continue with the discussion on how to improve education.

The group, which included David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary. and Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, discussed four themes, starting with action on the bottom 20 per cent of schools. Mr Blair also stressed the need to further stretch children of average ability, who lagged behind those of many other countries.

The remainder of the morning was devoted to proposals to raise the motivation and performance of teachers, and strengthen the role of the head teacher. Mr Blair said: The one thing that most of us know as parents is that the leader-

ship in a school is as important as any other single com-ponent in whether that school

Ministers said they wanted to breed a "culture of success" in state education. Head teachers at the summit were chosen mainly for their experience in raising performance in comprehensives and ordinary

primary schools. William Atkinson, head teacher of the Phoenix High School, in Hammersmith, West London, who gave a first-hand account of rescuing a failing school, said: "I was extremely impressed with the level of genuine commitment and concern demonstrated by the Prime Minister and other ministers. I leave this meeting charged up and enthusiastic

about the crusade ahead." The renamed Phoenix School, which has produced much improved results since its predecessor closed, is seen as a model for Labour's "Fresh

Education.

Start" scheme for those facing closure. Fifteen schools have been given until the end of the month to convince Mr Blunkett that they have improved sufficiently to be spared similar action.

A spokesman for the Department for Education and Employment said the summit did not focus on the lowest achievers. Ministers were anxious to discuss the more common problems affecting hundreds of underperforming

Mr Woodhead said there had been a consensus at the meeting that the quality of the recruitment crisis we teaching and leadership were facing at the present time."

the main determinants of a school's performance. He said: The Government recog-nises that it must produce initiatives which focus on those two areas."

Professor Peter Mortimore, Director of the London University Institute of Education. said: "This was mostly a symbolic occasion. People were conscious that, this week of all weeks, to devote two hours to the issues demonstrated a real commitment on the part of the Prime Minister.

The meeting came as further evidence emerged of a developing recruitment crisis in the teaching profession. Following yesterday's evi-dence of a sharp rise in vacancies for head teachers and deputies, research reported in today's Times Educational Supplement shows that schools have found difficulty in filling almost a quarter of all classroom jobs.

A survey carried out in conjunction with Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research found that almost one in five secondary teaching posts attracted three applicants or fewer. More than a third of secondary schools and a fifth of primaries had cut their

staffing to stay within budget. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which produced yesterday's survey, said more good graduates had to be attracted into teaching for the Government's plans to work. "Unless we have these people in position, it is no use Tony Blair saying we can drive up standards and ignore the recruitment crisis we are



### Calculation finds Briton in his prime

BY NICK NUTTALL

A BRITISH researcher using his own personal computer has set the world record for calculating a prime

number.
Gordon Spence, an information technology manager, has beaten the world's supercomputers by identifying a prime number 895,932 digits long. It more than doubles the record set last year by a Frenchman and American who calculated one of

Mr Spence said yesterday: "If you tried to print my new number it

would cover 450 pages of a paper-back book. If you spent eight hours a day reading it out in normal speech, it would take you a month."

Prime numbers can be divided only by one or by themselves. Although there are eight in the first 20 numbers - 2. 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17 and 19 - they become more and more elusive among the higher numbers. Mr Spence's also has the distinction of being the 36th known Mersenne prime number. These numbers, named after a 17th century French monk who thought there were ten and tried to calculate them, equal

two multiplied many times by itself, minus one.

The latest number, 22976221 minus I, took the computer 15 hours to calculate. Mr Spence, 38, who lives near Aldermaston in Berkshire and works for Thorn Microwave Devices in Hayes, West London, said: "It is now chugging away trying to find a

The world record marks another victory for David against Goliath. The 34th Mersenne prime number was calculated in September 1996 by a supercomputer in America. But the 35th and 36th have come from a

program set up by George Woltman of Orlando, Florida, to prove that personal computer users can do just

Mr Woltman, who with Joel Armengaud of Paris calculated the previous longest prime number, has launched the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search over the computer highway. It has so far pooled the processing power of more than 2,000 enthusiasts and their PCs around the world. "By using a large number of small computers, we negate the supercomputer's speed advantage," Mr Woltman said.

### Crusade condemned as waste of public money

By David Charter, education correspondent

showed the importance for ed-

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cial status, including the background of peer-group pupils. The only other significant fac-

tor was parental involvement.

policy to boost literacy and

numeracy at the bottom end of

achievement would be a seri-

ous attack on child poverty,"

Dr Robinson said. "If Labour

is thinking it should put resources into education, then

clearly the best buy is putting

The single most important

sade is a waste of taxpavers' money and will have little effect on standards, a leading economist said vesterday.

Long-term studies showed reaching methods, class sizes and homework policies, all central to the Prime Minister's school programme, had no impact on achievement, said Dr Peter Robinson, a research officer at the Centre for Economic Performance. There was also little evi-

dence that nursery education benefited children, according to national surveys of attainments by all those born in one week in 1958 and 1970, he said.

nomic disadvantage rather London School of Economics. said in his paper, Literacy, Numeracy and Economic Perthan the education system."

He added: "There is no eviformance, that the two surveys dence of any impact on attainment in literacy and numeracy of things such as primary school class size, teaching methods, whether a school has a homework policy, whether a school streams or sets its pupils, or pre-school education."

Dr Robinson, who upset the educational establishment early this year with a scathing attack on vocational qualifications, added that government education targets failed to help the 12 per cent of children who gained no qualifications.

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### Sinn Fein 'will soon be richest EU party'

STNN FEIN would soon be the wealthiest political party in the European Union, a prominent Irish-American lobbyist said yesterday after the polit ical wing of the IRA raised \$250,000 (£155,000) from a \$500-a-head dinner at New York's Waldorf Astoria hotel last night. Sinn Fein's participation in

the peace process and 20 years of British demonisation had made its leaders superstars in Irish America. Father Sean McManus, head of the Irish National Caucus in Washington, told BBC Northern Ireland. He said that the party would raise many millions of dollars in the coming years. Sinn Fein has collected \$1.5

million (£931,000) in the United States since March 1995. Gerry Adams, the party leader, and Martin McGuinness, its chief negotiator, will boost that figure to almost \$2 million during this week's visit.

The money pays for a formidable, well-staffed political machine that cultivates grass-roots support through a network of advice centres in Northern Ireland's nationalist communities, advertises widely at election time, and brings out old and new supporters in large numbers on polling days. By contrast, the Province's other parties run shoestring operations largely dependent on their MPs research and staff allowances.



**Asteroid** Vesta reveals its big impact By NIGEL HAWKES

A CRATER bigger than Eng-land and eight miles deep has been found on an asteroid named Vesta that is hardly any bigger than the hole. The crater, which is 285 miles in diameter, was found by the Hubble Space Tele-

scope, and is reported in today's issue of Science. Vesta itself is potato-shaped and about 330 miles in diameter. "When I saw the raw pic-

tures from the telescope, it was like, 'Wow!'," says Dr Peter Thomas of Cornell University. The discovery explains why Vesta is trailed through space by smaller asteroids — fragments broken off by the impact. Many of those fragments must have fallen on Earth. Vesta is believed to be one origin of a type of meteorite containing basalts, rocks similar to those that cover ocean floors. They form 6 per cent of all the meteorites that fall on Earth.

### £470,000 benefit fraudsters are jailed

BY RICHARD DUCE

FIVE immigrants were jailed yesterday for a child-benefit fraud which earned £471,000. The fiddle is thought to have been the biggest of its kind. Over two years, the gang claimed for 68 non-existent children on bogus birth certificates purporting to be from Cameroon, in west Africa. They provided different addresses to receive the benefit cheques, and then had the mail redirected to their homes

They were able to work the fraud because any child of any nationality resident in the UK is entitled to benefit after six months. The benefit is not means tested. Although the five were originally from the former Zaire, three are seeking asylum and the two now hold Belgian passports.

Jailing them for between 12 months to 21 months at Snaresbrook Crown Court Judge Simon Wilkinson said: "Only an immediate custodial sentence can be justified. He made no recommendation on deportation. The status of the asylum seekers is still to be assessed.

### CORRECTION

Keith Moyle, who died in a car crash in April (report, June 7) was a passenger in the vehicle,

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# New strain of bubonic plague resists antibiotics

Experts are concerned over the case of a sufferer

not cured by the usual drugs, Ian Murray writes



The Black Death wiped out a quarter of the Continent's population from 1348 to 1349

A NEW strain of bubonic plague, resistant to most known cures, has been discovered by French scientists. It shrugs off the antibiotics usually used successfully to treat the illness and, in the laboratory, its resistance to drugs could be transferred easily to other types of plague bacteria.

The discovery is "clinically ominous", according to a report of the research published today in The New Eng-land Journal of Medicine. The ability of other plague bacteria to acquire similar resistance to healing drugs is alarming, the report says. Doctors from the Pasteur

The harder the margarine, the

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contain. The Committee on the

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cy recommended in 1994 that

consideration should be given

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Previous studies have shown that in some respects

trans-fatty acids behave like

saturated fats, and they have

been linked to an increased

risk of heart disease. But

earlier results from the

Euramic study, published in

Typically, says Lenore Kohlmeier of the University of

North Carolina at Chapel

Hill, an author of the study,

trans-fats are found in biscuits

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drug-resistant strain from specimens taken from a 16year-old boy who developed plague in Madagascar two years ago. Although the boy treatment with streptomycin injections, he had not re-sponded to the cocktail of antibiotics which is the classical therapy for the disease. Another antibiotic mix, con-

given to people who have been exposed to the disease, also had no effect.

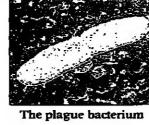
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The last global pandemic of bubonic plague began in

Institute in Paris isolated the drug-resistant strain from disease being spread mainly by flea bites. Antibiotics and enforcement of public health measures have significantly decreased the morbidity and mortality associated with the disease, although they have not led to its eradication.

The number of cases reported to the World Health Organisation by 24 countries in Africa, the Americas and Asia has increased recently. The average number reported an-nually in the 1990s has grown to 2,025 cases a year from 861 a year in the 1980s. Antibiotics have cut the death rate to 10 per cent, with most of those



infected surviving if the illness is diagnosed early on. The Journal says that the dangerous new strain is likeliest to have been picked up by sewer rats from humans who have become multi-drug resistant. "If resistant strains spread among rodents, the public health implications could be substantial," the report says. "There must be a global effort to strengthen

multi-drug-re-sistant |plague bacterium] reinforces the concern ... that the threat from the emerging infectious diseases is riot to be taken

The Journal says that the danger could have gone unnoniced for some time, because many diagnostic laboratories fail to make routine tests to find out if plague victims are drug-resistant. The network World Health Organisation centres with expertise in plague diagnosis has deteriorated seriously over the past several decades, it says, and it will take considerable time and resources to make them

work efficiently again. In 1348-49, the Black Death, the first pandemic of the plague in Europe, wiped out a

population. The Great Plague of 1665 arrived in Britain from the Continent on rats which jumped off ships arriving at Weymouth in Dorset. Villagers then tried in vain to stem the advance of the disease by putting red crosses on victims' doors.

These measures proved useless, because the disease was spread around the country by rats, and 70,000 people were killed. The Great Fire of London in 1666 destroyed the unhygienic conditions in which the disease spread and it faded.

However, for centuries. plagues continued to return every 15 years or so. The last big outbreak in Europe occurred as recently as 1922.

# Margarine linked to breast cancer

FATS found in biscuits, cakes, pastry and margarines may contribute to the development of breast cancer, a Europewide study has found.

Women with high levels of trans-fatty acids in their bodies have a higher risk of getting the disease, the study shows. The fats in the body reflect those in the diet, so the implication is that a high intake of trans-fatty acids examples of which are French fries, processed snack foods, bakery products and "hard" margarine - increases the

The study is part of a project called Euramic — the European Community Multicentre Study on Antioxidants, Myo-cardial Infarction and Breast Cancer. Tiny fat samples were taken from 698 women between the ages of 50 and 74, and the amounts of different types of fat analysed.

The results, published in the journal Cancer Epidemiology. Biomarkers and Prevention. shows that women with high levels of trans-fatty acids have about a 40 per cent higher risk of getting breast cancer.

The risks were greatest in women who said that they had low intakes of polyunsatured fats, but showed high levels of

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Women with high levels of trans-fatty

acids, which are found in cakes, have

a 40 per cent higher risk of developing

the disease, Nigel Hawkes reports

trans-fats. In this group, the risk was three and a half times greater than in women who do eat significant amounts of polyunsaturates.

Trans-fats are modified versions of polyunsaturates, created by the chemical process of hydrogenation. The process of hydrogenation, which turns oils into spreadable fats, creates trans-fatty acids. The harder manufacturers want the fats to be, the more hydrogenation is needed and hence the more trans-fatty acids are present in the final product. The process is used to harden vegetable and fish oils so that they can be turned into

margarine. The British average intake of trans-fats is about four to six grammes a day, but levels of up to 25-30g are possible, particularly among those who use cheaper margarines and eat a lot of processed foods.

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problem of asking volunteers what they had eaten, which can be a source of error.

"This work, because it is the first to show a significant association between breast cancer and trans-fatty acids, needs to be confirmed by other studies," she said. "Still, we think it is important because so many women are at risk of breast cancer, and there are so lew factors, especially dietary factors, known to reduce the

Dr Kohlmeier said that it was interesting that women with high levels of trans-fats and low level of polyunsatures had the highest risk. "This suggests that there might be an interaction between the two types of fat, such as competition at the molecular level resulting in polyunsaturates having a protective effect."

Among the spreadable fats, butter contains about 3 per cent of trans-fats, and margarines between 10 and 12 per cent, with the harder margarines containing more. High polyunsaturated margarines contain about 7 per cent, though some make a point of having much lower levels, or contain 4 per cent, and very low fat spreads 2 per cent.

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Students yesterday at Dundee College, which has a strong reputation for dance

### £2.3m lottery grant has Scots dancing for joy

By Shirley English

SCOTIAND is hoping to stop its most talented dancers heading south to England to pursue their careers with the announcement of £2.3 million funding for a Contemporary Dance and Theatre

Centre at Dundee College.
The lottery grant from the
Scottish Arts Council meets half the cost of the new centre, which will offer stu-dents professional dance training in Scotland for the

provide the country with its first purpose-built 2 00-seater dance performance space.

At present dancers completing their four lation year at Dundee College must go to England for professional training. Designs for the centre, which will also incorporale a regional dance agency to pr ovide an innovative programmine of performance, arr. almost complete. Further furnding has been

but the project will depend on a successful application to the European Regional Development Fund.

The centre will include a Scottish School of Contemporary Dance. Dundee already has a strong reputation for dance, being home to the only revenue-funded contemporary dance company, Scottish Dance Theatre, and offering the only full-time training course, a one-year foundation in contemporary dance.

### Hormonal problems linked to removal of ovaries

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

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THE case brought by the journalist Caroline Rich-mond against her consultant gynaecologist, who, it was claimed, had performed a hysterectomy without her full consent. has drawn attention to the advantages, and disadvantages, of hysterectomies.

Even when the ovaries are not removed at the time of the hysterectomy. the trauma to them during the operation often has an effect on their function. Patients who have had a hysterectomy, or have been sterilised, may find that their reproductive cycle has been affected. After a hysterectomy the menopause is apt to be earlier; after sterilisation, periods may, in a small but significant minority, be appreciably altered — sometimes they are lighter, more frequently heavier. A con-cern of doctors has been

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that the hormonal changes which can be induced by a hysterectomy might also increase the likelihood of developing cancer in other

parts of the body.

The medical journal Monitor has recently reviewed the evidence, including that of a large survey in Finland reported in the Journal of Epidemiology. The overall risk of developing non-genital cancer in women who had a hysterectomy was 5 per cent higher than in those who remained intact. The only significant increases were in cancer of the thyroid and of the rectum.

Why cancer of the recturn should be common was unexplained, but as this disease is diagnosed more frequently in men there could be a hormonal factor in its development.

The commentators. however, explain that there is a biologically plausible connection between hysterectomy and cancer of the thyroid as there are oestrogen-sensitive receptors in the thyroid gland. and increased levels of thyroid-stimulating hormone, which may enhance the growth of thyroid tumors, are secreted by the pituitary gland after removal of the ovaries or damage to the blood supply.

### pledged by the college and 'Frozen burger' injuries increase

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICA L CORRESPONDENT

FROZEN beefburgers, crumpets and sausages are responsible for a growing number of domestic accidents, some of them serious.

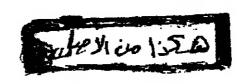
Known by doctors as "tries beefburger injury", the acxident occurs when people try to separate stacked frozen frod separate stacked truzen r not items with a sharp knife. The knife stips and jabs true, the hand holding the frozen f,ood. A study published in the British Medical Journ tal to-

day says that GPs and hospitals are treating an irrereasing number of people with palms and fingers slashed, tendons lacerated, nerves cut and bones damaged. Stewart Flemrni.ng, consul-

at St Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, Essex, writes: The data from the home accident surveillance system suggest the injury is common." Up to 21 per cent of the 3.5 million patients treated annually for trauma have hand injuries. Many of those injuries are believed to have been caused

while separating frozen food. The average time off work from a hand injury is three weeks. Tendons take three months to heal and nerve dansage is often permanent. The report says that although the injured person may be mainly at fault, manufacturers could help to avoid injury by freez-





Ormonal roblems inked to removal of ovaries

# How compass pointed to sunken treasure

A FAINT inscription on a ship's compass led to the discovery of a Scottish vessel's treasure trove and a £250,000 auction to be held in London next month.

It was found by Julian Cope, 35, a member of a team searching for the General Abbatucci. She sank with the loss of 54 lives only hours after colliding with a Norwegian ship off Corsica on May

The Times later reported:
The captain and 54 persons
Were saved and 1. vere saved and have been brought to Leghorn almost naked, the accident having occurred early in the morning when most of them were in their berths."

The compass was stamped McGregor of Greenock, a well-known local supplier of marine instruments. The team had a full list of the original equipment fitted to the 282-ton ship when she was built by Scott & Sons of Glasgow in 1857.

The discovery of the com-

Sale of gold jewellery from Scottish ship lost in 1869 will raise £250,000

at auction, reports John Shaw

based salvage firm Blue Water Recoveries, after a 32-day search of 1,000 square miles of seabed, was confirmed a few days later when a plate

The team began a salvage operation which recovered 130 English sovereigns, in mint condition, struck between 1838-1868, and other gold coins from America, France and Italy. The bulk of the haul was gold jewellery. Some pieces are still encrusted with seabed debris but other items look startlingly modern. The valuables will be sold at Christie's on October 7. Other artefacts from the wreck to be auctioned include china plates, candiesticks, soup tureens, watches,

thimbles, clay pipes, wine

glasses and bottles of 128 The Abbatucci had set sail from Marseilles, her home

port, on a routine run for 1.5 million French Francs destined for the Vatican, to-gether with gifts for the birthday of Pope Pius IX on But the voyage was short-

lived. The vessel was holed below the water line and went down within two hours, A subsequent inquiry found that the crew had failed to keep a proper look-out. Blue Water Recoveries,

based in Haslemere, began a search for the wreck in April last year. The team was rocky seabed that would positively identify the Abbatucci,

equipment failed and on the surface a two-day storm was forecast. At the last moment. were spotted, a few feet in era. The vessel was found 2.750 metres down.

Mr Cope, the team's research manager, said: "The faint inscription of the instrument-maker came to light as I was rinsing the verdigris away with fresh water. It was a moment of pure relief and clation."

However, the salvage com any believes it has missed Ashworth, finance director of Blue Water Recoveries, said yesterday: "We were going for the main gold cargo. Also, there was pay for French soldiers. But we couldn't find either and ended up with the iewellery."

Mr Ashworth added: "We money on the project. The



Items recovered from the Abbatucci included 128-year-old bottles of champagne, wine glasses and carafes

# New Britain puts its faith in looks and possessions

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

LIFE at the end of the 20th century is less predictable. more time-pressured and less secure than ever, according to a survey of attitudes and

The study by researchers at the University of Leeds portrays a society riddled by mistrust and cynicism, and longing for spiritual or otherworldly comfort. The majority of the 8,000 adults questioned said that they did not trust other people, and they believed that businesses did not care about the community, the environment or individual

They are convinced that the gap between the rich and poor is growing, they deride television advertising as devious. and they claim they never have sufficient time to do everything. The notion of a "job for life" is dismissed, and most have no respect for political leaders.

More than half believe that the National Lottery has made people more greedy. Bereft of employment security and increasingly detached from traditional faith in religion. people appear to have elevated material objects and physical appearance virtually to objects of faith.

More than 61 per cent place their faith in familiar brand names of products, and the same proportion say that it is important to look good if you want to get on in life. Sheila Byfield, of the adver-

tising agency Ogilvy and Mather, which helped to fund the research, said that it showed the emergence of four distinct social categories of people, defined not by their income or social status but by their opinions and attitudes: the powerless Resistors, the fashion-following Embracers, the liberal Pragmatists and more Traditionalists.

Ms Byfield said that these four groups cut across the traditional social and economic class groups used by sociologists and economists. identifying them could help companies wanting to understand how consumers will react to new products and

concepts.

With the emergence of an increasingly materialistic. insecure and fast-moving environment, Ms Byfield said that there appeared to be a longing for spiritual understanding. Religious belief had declined but people believed increasingly in the paranormal: haif believe in telepathy and 55 per cent in second sight, 67 per cent believe there is some truth in astrology, and 15 per cent believe that abduction by

aliens is possible.

"People are still looking for explanations for things. Once they used to explain things through God, but now they things," she said. "People do need something

### THE RESISTORS

sent the single largest group in society. 36 per cent, are the least happy with their lot, believing that life has passed them by. Most have a sense of powerlessness about their lives, are prejudiced like anything foreign and are uncharitable. They have low self-esteem and do not care what happens abroad, as long as Britain is all right. More than half of them said they would be lost without television, and 30 per cent have a strong belief in horoscopes.

### THE EMBRACERS

At the other end of the scale from Resistors are the Embracers, who represent Z7 per cent of society. They are the successors to Yuppies. Most are young professionals who have embraced new technology enthusiastically and like to be seen with the latest and most fashionable mobile phone or laptop computer. They have the lowest level of so-cial conscience. Only one third of them think it is their responsibility to help people worse off than themselves.

### THE PRAGMATISTS

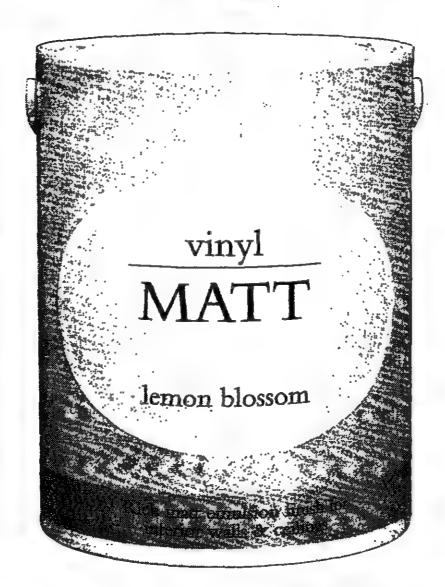
Pragmatists, who make up 22 per cent of society, have a strong social conscience and are likely to become actively involved in helping others. They do not treat new technology as a fashion accessory, as do the Embracers, but as a tool

that can make their lives easier. More than 77 per cent of them think that people watch too much television and most have liberal views about the media. They are concerned about screen violence but have few objections to nudity.

### THE TRADITIONALISTS

Finally, the researchers have identified the most content group, the Traditionalists, who represent 15 per cent of group, the Traditionalists, who represent 15 per cent of society but who seem to be a dying breed. They believe strongly in helping others with 85 per cent believing that it is everyone's responsibility to put something back into the community, and 63 per cent thinking they should help people worse off than themselves. While they have no fear people were no rear of new technology, they will use it only if it is useful to them. They are the most likely to uphold old-fashioned values and one in five attends church regularly.

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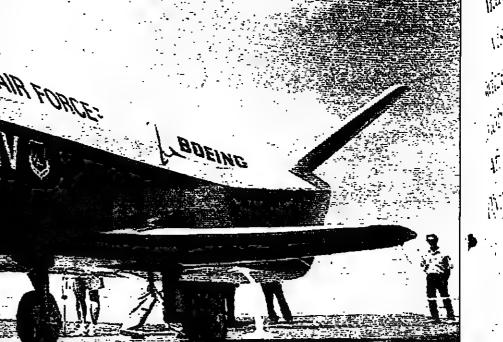


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A prototype space vehicle designed to carry out military reconnaissance is unveiled by Boeing and the US Air Force at Seal Beach in California. The crewless Space Manoeuvre Vehicle is also designed to deploy small satellites. Boeing developed the spacecraft

under a contract with the Air Force,

which envisages sending several at a

US Air Force prepares for new space invasion

able to fly back to Earth after up to a year in space. "It's essentially a flyable satellite," said Rick Garcia, spokesman at the Air Force's Phillips Laboratory in Arizona. The idea is that the small

spacecraft should be capable of being relitted for a new mission within 72 hours of returning to Earth, he said. The vehicle marks a steadily growing emphasis by the Air Force on space flight, which US military thinkers see

as a strategic area vital to an increasingly hi-tech military machine. The prototype was designed for the first phase of the project, which is to build a space vehicle capable of gliding back to Earth and landing like a plane. It has

weight of 2,500lb it is slightly smaller than full size. It will be taken to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico where it will be towed by a helicopter to an altitude of about

10.000ft and released, said Mike Mat-"Later it will go on airplanes and then maybe launch vehicles for further testing. Ultimately it goes into space and then returns," Mr Matthews said, "You can think of it as a reusable satellite." Testing, scheduled to begin in November, is expected to last about

# Corruption and bad driving Republican spells out make Russian roads lethal

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

THE head of Russia's traffic police has confirmed what the nation's motorists have long suspected: that incompetent policing, drink-driving and a sharp rise in the number of cars have turned Russia's roads into some of the most lethal on earth.

General Vladimir dorov, head of the hated GAI traffic police, said in an interview with Tass that his force was losing the battle to control Russia's lawless roads, where traffic offences have doubled

in the past five years.
"The GAI failed fully to adapt itself to the present conditions and its influence on the situation is ineffective," he said. "Regarding traffic safety. little attention is paid to the protection of the population." So far this year more than 12,000 people have died on the roads — the population is 150 million - and General Fvodorov concedes that the final toll will probably be more than the annual average,

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Moscow at night, its streets jammed with cars owned by the new drivers of the city's emerging middle class

population of 250 million and many more cars, 40,000 die on average each year; in Britain. which has a population a third the size of Russia's, the death toll is just over 3,000.

Russia's problem is not due to a lack of police manpower. on the streets. However, most

First-time visitors to Russia are often shocked by the large number of traffic policemen In America, which has a of their time is taken up

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fulfilling Soviet-era duties, such as clearing traffic for the limousines of senior bureaucrats, checking documents and imposing "spot fines", which often end up in their pockets.

General Fyodorov said that corruption was a huge problem and that more than 2,500 officers faced disciplinary action at present, mainly for accepting bribes.

In one illustration of incompetent policing, an officer outside the Times office in Moscow recently stepped out into the centre of the sevenlane road at night and stopped a suspected speeding car with

stopped immediately and other vehicles ploughed into it. Nevertheless, incompetent

police work is not the only culprit. Russia's harsh winter conditions also contribute to the accident rate, not to mention the plague of drinkdrivers. Part of the problem is the sheer volume of new cars on the streets. Since the collapse of communism, Russia's roads have been flooded with privately owned cars, from the Mercedes and BMWs favoured by the new rich to the cheaper family cars for Rus-

sia's emerging middle class.
At the Moscow Motor Show this week foreign car import-ers predicted that Russia would become one of the great car markets and several Western manufacturers are planning to open factories here.

The statistics speak for themselves. In 1991, the year the Soviet Union collapsed, private car ownership in Russia stood at nine million. Last year alone a million new cars were sold to private owners and the annual sales figure is expected to treble by the turn of the century.

☐ Istanbul: The Turkish authorities appear to have abandoned all hope of reining in a nation of reckless drivers (Andrew Finkel writes). A new directive requires drivers to carry at all times, alongside

ing triangle, a hygienic bodybag suitable for transporting a corpse weighing up to 18st

The regulation crept into force in the fine print of a Ministry of Health ordinance published last week. Drivers have three months to equip themselves with a PVC bodybag or face a fine and up to six months in jail.

Turkey has the dubious reputation of having one of the worst road safety records in Europe. Yesterday an inter-city coach driver tell asleep at the wheel on the main Istanbul to Ankara road. Among the 33 people who died in the resulting head-on crash were 10 Spanish tourists.

Last year, 5,347 people died on Turkish roads, a figure similar to that of Spain which has more than twice the number of cars. Researchers Istanbul's Galatasaray University estimate that every year one in every ten cars is involved in some sort of accident. The figure for coaches is Many Turks are afraid that

having a body-bag in the boot may not improve road safety. 'It will give me a nervous breakdown every time I sit behind the wheel." Semih Kacanoglu, head of the Istanbul Automotive Association, Administration's tactics.

# new political language

From Bronwen Maddox in washington

AT LAST, someone has spelt it out "Newt" is a less than dignified name for one of the most powerful men in the free

Call Mr Gingrich by his full title. Speaker of the House of Representatives, urges Frank Luntz, a prominent but controversial Republican consultant, who wants to rewrite conservative vocabulary into the language of victory.
In a 222-page manual enti-

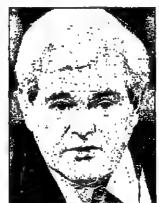
tled Language of the 21st Century, which he distributed to all Republican congressmen and senators before the August break. Mr Luniz sets out his belief that the Democratic Devil has had the best tunes. He offers Republicans basic letter-writing tips, sample speeches, and a script for "Going after the President: a two-minute strike".

Mr Luntz's crusade, which he is understood to have financed himself, has won mixed reviews on Capitol Hill. But it accurately reflects Republicans' bemusement at the resilience of President Clinton's popularity despite successive scandals, and the Democrats' success in appropriating central Republican

Republicans, terrified at being portrayed as hardhearted, have seen themselves rendered speechless by the many have conceded. Mr Luniz said yesterday that he embarked on the project after he "watched a problem developing with conservatives, not just in America, but in Britain and Canada". In the US, "we had a language gap and it cost us the presidency. The Tories had a language gap and it cost them Downing Street," he

The Tories' slogan "Simply the Best", printed on T-shirts with a picture of John Major. was insane, Mr Luntz be-

"No one wants to be told that a politician is the best: it's supreme arrogance," Instead. he argues, "they should have given a more down to earth message of success.



Gingrich: "Newt is not a dignified name"

Billy Tauzin, a Republican congressman, said yesterday that the document "shows the added: "Frank has a great way of putting his finger on the pulse of this country. It's true that some of Frank's ideas and methods are very controversial, but he is a lightning rod that tends to attract good ideas, and people

tend to listen."

Mr Luntz, 35, one of the draftsmen of the Republicans' Contract with America, Mr Gingrich's 1994 manifesto which tried to lay out a radical conservative agenda, was accused later of having overestimated popular support for the contract's revolutionary tone. His acknowledgement that he had failed to carry out polling on its popularity eventually carned him a formal sanction

by a pollsters' association. The core of Republicans' current problem, according to Mr Luntz, is that conservatives have been speaking in philosophical and grandiose terms about government.
"Clinton was talking about things that affected ordinary people from the moment they got out of bed in the morning while Bob Dole was talking about government, in acronyms they don't even understand in Washington," he says.

### Clint Eastwood's town to stamp out noise of walkers

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE exclusive resort of Carmel, where Clint Eastwood lives and was once Mayor, has established itself as the most vigorous defender of peace and quiet on the Californian coast. It has banned walking tours as too noisy.

There is only one licensed tour guide in town. Her groups are never larger than 20 and they stray off public land only when invited. But when her current licence expires she will be subject to arrest thanks to a crackdown by officials fearful that the town will be inundated by

Carmel has always been particular about humans in its public places. It has an ordinance, seldom enforced, requiring women to get a permit before wearing high heels. Ken White, the current Mayor, once tried to ban ice cream cones to keep the pavements clean. In the late 1960s, in a bid to scare away hippies, sitting down in the until the Supreme Court ruled

that law unconstitutional.

"We'd rather have a quiet town," Mr White explained after the city council vote to ban walking tours. "And there's a quiet way to discover Carmel — on your own."

Gale Wrausmann, the endangered tour guide, is enlisting legal representation by the American Civil Liberties Union, which she hopes will decide her First Amendment right to free speech and asso-

ciation is being violated. "They've gone way over-board," she said. "Most people here don't have to earn

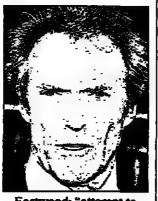
a living, so they don't think twice about driving someone like me out of business."

Ms Wrausmann, a photographer by training, started offering her two-hour \$15 (£10) tours to pay her rent in a town where a two-bedroomed cottage can seldom be bought for under \$500.000.

"I wanted to figure out a way to live here," she said, noting ruefully that Carmel is more tolerant of dogs, which have their own society col-umn in the local newspaper, than of tourists.

About 100 miles south of San Francisco near the Big Sur stretch of coastline, the town's permanent population of 4,700 swells by up to 20,000 tourists a day in summer.

Ms Wrausmann offers fraction of them a glimpse of Carmel's more unusual houses and takes them to the Hog's Breath, an English-style pub partly owned by Eastwood. He named it thus, she says, to keep people away.



Eastwood: "attempt to

### Second boy alive after jet crash

FROM CAROLINE GLUCK

A SECOND child may have survived when a Vietnam Airlines jet came down in paddy fields as it approached Cambodia's international airport at Phnom Penh on Wednesday.

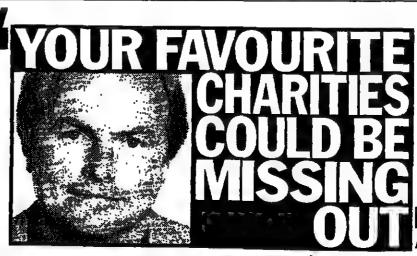
More than 60 passengers

were killed, and in the confused aftermath it was thought that an 18-month-old Thai boy. now being treated in Bangkok. was the sole survivor. However, a Vietnamese boy aged about four, now being treated in Phnom Penh. was either on the aircraft or hit by falling wreckage on the ground.

As air accident investigators from Cambodia and Vietnam continued their search of the crash site it was revealed that one of the two black box flight recorders had been looted. The other has been recovered by the Cambodian authorities and is thought to contain the flight data.

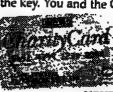
Sok Sambaur, deputy direc-tor general of Cambodia's airport authority, said that a reward would be given for the return of the missing black box recorder. He added: "It's been taken by one of those onlookers. They were looting, they hoped there was some-thing valuable in it. That's the reason why we are appealing, through television and radio, to let the people know there's nothing valuable inside and we need it to investigate the accident."

Peter Wright, the British businessman who died in the crash, worked for an investment company in Vietnam that is believed to have interests in a Cambodian textile factory. He and his wife lived at Dalat in Vietnam.



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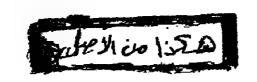
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# Cape Town pins hopes on Games

Mandela visits Switzerland to lobby for African Olympics

> FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa is waiting on tenterhooks for today's decision on which city will be chosen to host the 2004 Olym-

Cape Town's bid for the Games has built up into a national frenzy of ambition and anticipation, with a populace bombarded for months with propaganda suggesting that no other outcome is possible and that Africa is entitled" to host its first Olympic Games, seen as setting the seal on Deputy President Thabo Mbeki's promised "African renaissance".

There is some local opposition to the Games being held in Cape Town, but in recent weeks it has become an unpatriotic act to notice that Cape Town lacks the transport infrastructure, the hotels and stadiums or even the climate for the Games: the southern winter is wet and windy. The repeated reports that put Rome. Athens and even Stockholm ahead of Cape Town in the bidding are simply discounted here, as is the fact that the fifth bidding city, Buenos Aires, is equally able to claim that the Games should go to Latin America for the first

National hopes here have soared and enormous faith is placed on the fact that President Mandela himself has gone to Switzerland to lobby the International Olympic Committee on the eve of its



A drum majorette waves support for South Africa's bid committee as its members leave for Switzerland on the eve of the IOC decision

his part, President Mandela has made plain that he expects Cape Town's bid to be supported not only by the African nations as a block but also by all those in the West who want to support and recognise the emergence of a new democratic South Africa. Supporters of the other bidding cities, for their part, have made some play of South Africa's high crime rate and the fact that Mr Mandela will not be president in 2004.

If Cape Town does receive

plode with joy, then face an endrmous organisational and mapagerial effort to be ready in dme. Failure will provoke a huge sense of anticlimax and present the Airican National Corgress with a big problem. For in recent weeks it has become clear that getting the Games is calculated to be Cape Town's compensation for lising its capital city status. There are increasing signs that the ANC, which has never liked having to sit in parlia-

the nod, the country will ex-

ment in a region still ruled by the National Party, will shortly announce that parliament will move to Pretoria, the seat of the executive. Opinion polls indicate a

strong popular preference for the status quo. with parliament remaining in Cape Town, but it clearly would save money to consolidate the capital in one place, with ministers and civil servants no longer forced to commute across the thousand miles between Pretoria and Cape

Town. There is no doubt, however, that such a decision would be a body blow to Cape Town: all the embassies and the media would leave with the MPs and the city would lose its central status within the region that it has enjoyed ever since colonisation began 350 years ago. There are even suggestions that moving the capital to Pretoria and the consequent rejection of Cape "mother city" status would see an upsurge in

Western Cape separatism.

The decision on a single capital will be announced next month. Clearly, if Cape Town is still basking in euphoria as an Olympic city it will be far easier to get it to accept losing the parliament.

If, however, it has lost its bid for the Olympics, the sense of anticlimax may be so profound as to force the ANC to reconsider its decision on where to put parliament.

> Leading article, page 19 Rob Hughes, page 42

### Malaysia to make speculators 'wriggle like worms'



Anwar: declaration of war on speculators

FROM M.G.G. PILLAI ... IN KUALA LUMPUR AND CHRIS LYDGATE IN SINGAPORE

ened harsh measures against currency and market speculators as pressure on stock markets continued to send currencies spiralling down in value across South-East Asia.

Debates on constitutional reform in Thailand and the Philippines sent their currencies lower on lears of instability while Indonesia slashed: interest rates and opened up its companies to greater foreign investment in an attempt to revive the economy.

Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's

that the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) would band together against an "conomic war" being tors". He said Asean would the speculators into turn worms wriggling in the scorching sun", according to the Bernama news agency.

The Government yesterday threw a M\$60 billion (£12.5 billion) fighting fund into the increasingly desperate battle but many saw that as merely tempting the speculators to relieve Malaysia of more money. The move appeared to have little effect and the melteown continued. Traders in both Singapore

Deputy Prime Minister, said and Malaysia said Mr cesses of years destroyed in a don't think any of the mea-sures have helped. Without suffer and ultimately Malaysia will suffer. Now pride makes it impossible to get out." said one.

Mr Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, did not specify what action he had in mind, but said it would not include preventive detention. Brokers, meanwhile, told of a witch hunt against them and many refused to speak for fear

Mr Anwar's speech reflects the Government's anguish as it watches the economic suc-

Anwar's rhetoric would fright matter of weeks. The stock en only foreign investors. "I market is now 42 per cent down from its February high and the currency, the ringgit, value.

> The United Malay National Organisation, the dominant party in Malaysia's coalition. begins its three-day annual convention today. The mea-sures announced so far are intended to placate the faithful, but the debate will focus on the economy and the country's reversal of fortunes.

Given Malay tradition, it is unlikely that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, or Mr Anwar, will be personally criticised.

But the vehemence of attacks on the Government's fiscal policy will inevitably reflect on the two men. There are no precise figures

estimated that the country's 50 ton businessmen could have lost more than M\$20 billion. Two days ago, five out of the

six professional men at a private lunch had lost a total of M\$15 million between Dr Mahathir's targeting of

George Soros, the Hungarianborn US financier, for Malaysia's woes misses the point. His own aides suggest that he does not listen to advice any more, according to market sources here.

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### Democracy quest in Cambodia 'is over'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

WESTERN countries have decided to abandon the pursuit of democracy in Cambodia, always an elusive dream, and tacitly support Hun Sen, the former Communist leader who seized absolute power in street fighting in July, according to analysts here. There is diplomatic fatigue

among Western governments over trying to restore Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was elected as joint Prime Minister with Hun Sen, and no will in the international community to spend more money and effort on free elections next year, they

Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge guerrilla, looks set to stay in power. "He would provide some stability - but not democracy," one east European diplomat said. "It plays havoc with Western values, but so what? It's the line of least resistance."

This spells doom for the Government installed by the £1.25 billion United Nationssponsored elections in 1993. With all credible opposition figures having been brutally silenced or - like Prince Ranariddh - fled into exile, most analysts believe there is no prospect of free and fair IN TOKYO Hun Sen controls the

and claimed recently that he had 400 tanks and armoured personnel carriers at his disposal. He lives in a military barracks on the edge of Phnom Penh and is seen in some quarters in the West as the tough leader who can bring stability to Cambodia.

140,000-strong armed forces.

Bloody fighting saw the ousting of Prince Ranariddh's Funcinpec faction on July 5, the summary execution of up to 40 of his supporters and the detention of hundreds more, some of whom have been tortured. Since then peace has returned to Phnom Penh, which no longer has competing armies bringing weapons on to the streets. Prince Ranariddh, 54, is in

exile in Bangkok, back to a small house in a quiet lane where he started his struggle for power in the 1980s.

His father, King Norodom Sihanouk, returned last month from China, where he had been for six months for medical treatment, and is in a Buddhist retreat at Siem Reap, near the fabled ruins of Angkor Wat.

### **US** to fine Japanese shippers FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

US SANCTIONS against Japan's three largest shipping companies went into effect yesterday after Tokyo failed to meet demands to eliminate alleged restrictive practices against American shippers in Japanese ports. Harold Creel, chairman of

the US Federal Maritime Commission, said in Washington there had been no breakthrough in Tokyo to justify delaying the sanctions due to come into effect in the United States at 04:01 GMT yesterday. Yosuke Watanabe, a spokesman for Japan's Transportation Ministry, said no agreement was reached in talks between the ministry and Japanese shipping offici-als. The time limit has passed," he said.

The sanctions, which carry a mandatory fine of \$100,000 (£62,500) for each arrival on vessels operated by Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Mitsui OSK Lines and Nippon Yusen KK. were to be enforced on their next ships arriving at US ports.

Each company has a full container ship due in an American port today.

### Taxi 'hero' cheat offered film role

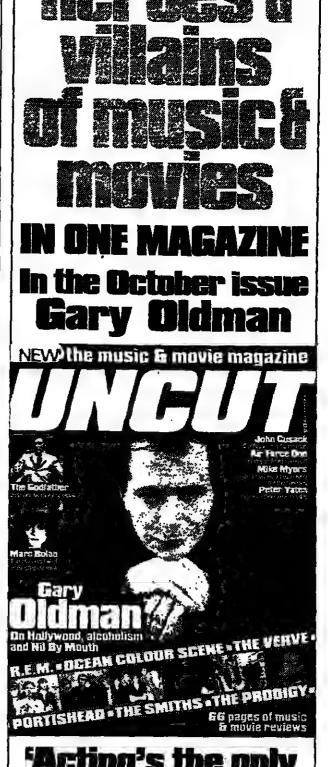
honest taxi driver" who was later exposed as a trickster, liar, womaniser and cheat was offered a film role in The IS Charlatans yesterday as he went to court here to face fraud charges (Andrew Drummond writes). The film's producer, however, declined to pay the driver's bail

during negotiations conducted through a police station's bars near Bangkok airport. The cheat had allegedly also wanted his own dressing room, family housing and an appearance fee.

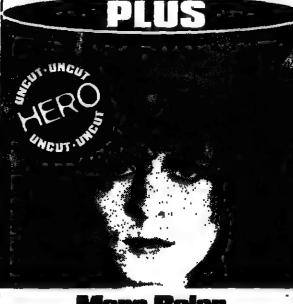
Sompong Luedthaharn, 42. became a Thai hero after an anonymous telephone caller said he had returned to its

£200,000 left in his cab. But Mr Sompong had made the call, the claim was bogus, and after more than a month of public exposure, he

had admitted lying. "I want to be a monk, but I must face the law first," he said before being remanded in custody



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# Jerusalem bombing casts pall over peace mission by Albright

DWINDLING Middle East peace hopes suffered one of their worst blows yesterday afternoon when three suicide bombs ripped in quick and terrifying succession through the heart of Jerusalem's most

popular pedestrian street. The outdoor mall of Ben Yehuda street in the heart of Jewish west Jerusalem was crowded with shoppers and tourists at the time.

An attack by Islamic militants had been widely expected as an attempt to sabotage next week's planned visit to the Middle East by Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State - her first since taking office seven months ago.

Last night a senior State Department official said the trip was "under evaluation", but Ms Albright, who is on holiday in Europe, announced that she would still be going. Earlier she had made security a pre-condition for the visit.

Israeli officials said that even if the visit does go ahead as planned — it is due to start on Wednesday — it faces greatly increased difficulties in the face of further evidence to support their argument that Yassir Arafat has done nothing to dismantle the infrastructure of Islamic terrorism in the West Bank and Gaza.

A month ago when a double

suicide attack killed 17 people at Jerusalem's main vegetable market, Dennis Ross, the US special envoy, postponec a visit he was about to make aimed at trying to reopen peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.
Those talks have been halt-

ed since March when Israeli bulldozers moved in to build a settlement for 32,000 Jews at Har Homa, in annexed east

Last night, right-wing Is-raeli politicians were precicting that the triple blast — the biggest yet in terms of the number of suicide bombers involved in a single attack had finally killed the peace deal signed on the White House lawn in September

In a broadcast on Israel Radio, David Essing, a polit-ical correspondent, interrupted a report to say that he had received a message from Hanan Porat, a leading member of the National Religious Party, a key supporter of Binyamin Netanyahu's rightwing coalition. "He says that the Oslo peace process is finally finished. That this s a death blow to it." Mr Essing told listeners gathered around radios on street corners cose

Many were in tears, either weeping hysterically if they had been close to the explosions or sobbing if they had received bad news about friends taken away in the huge fleet of Magen David Adom ambulances.

Mr Netanyahu, whose

standing in the country had already increased over his tough response to the July 30 market bombings, ordered an immediate renewal of a blockade on the Palestinian areas and gathered in conclave with his grim-faced security chiefs. Even tougher measures are expected to follow and the possibility is again being raised of Israeli commando raids into Palestinian areas to arrest

Less than 24 hours before the blasts rattled windows throughout the centre of Jerusalem, the Prime Minister had issued a warning that American efforts to revive the less Mr Arafat ordered an immediate crackdown on Islamic militants.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad

"If the Palestinian Authority continues to refuse to fight the infrastructure of the terrorist organisations, our peace efforts will not go very far." Mr Netanyahu said. "Indeed, I would say that the entire

Israeli investigators search through debris in the

peace process would be

A similar point was made by Eliahu Ben Elissar, Israel's Ambassador to Washington. in a telephone interview that was dramatically interrupted by the sound of explosions shaking the radio studio.

Only two hours earlier the station had been broadcasting optimistic American claims about the prospects of Ms Albright making progress. Ac-

6 If the Palestinian Authority refuses to fight terrorists, peace will not go far 9

cording to that broadcast, so swiftly overtaken by events. State Department officials in considerable progress in his security clampdown against both Hamas and Islamic

By 3.30pm yesterday, however, the mood had turned 'dramatically and warnings of potential attacks and threuts issued by Hamas increased

the anger among many Israe-

lis, who were demanding tougher measures against the Arabs. David Bar-Illan, Mr Netanyahu's Communications Director, made it clear that the triple bombing had destroyed any notion that Ms Albright's talks could include a discussion of substantive political issues. as the Palestinians had hoped.

These attacks reinforce our contention and insistence that the only thing to discuss is a crackdown on the terrorist

organisations. Obviously we cannot decide on substantive issues while this sort of thing is going on. Yassir Arafat has to decide to make peace with us, or with Hamas," Mr Bar-

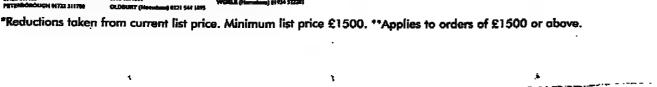
Other Israeli officials said that the only remaining hope for what little is left of a peace process that has been falling apart for months is for the Palestinian Authority to a mass round-up hundreds of radical

The authority did just that in 1996 after the traumatic suicide bombings of February and March which left more than 60 people dead and helped to lose Shirnon Peres, the Labour Prime Minister, the May election.



A man injured in the Ben Yehuda triple bombing in Jerusalem yesterday, which killed eight people including the suicide bombers and injured more than 160, has his injuries tended at the scene by medical workers

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# Broken bodies litter street of carnage

The blasts that transformed the commercial heart of Jerusalem into a battleground yesterday happened only 500 yards from the Times office. The three suicide bombs were detonated within a minute of each other, hurling body parts yards into the air, filling Ben Yehuda street with screams of anguish and delivering a severe blow to the few remaining peace hopes.

When I arrived on the scene, the street, usually one of the busiest in west Jerusalem, was a carpet of broken glass, mangled bodies and twisted seats from cafés whose tranquillity had been shattered.

Ben Yehuda had been a terrorist target before, but never in this fashion, with three nail-studded bombs detonating one after the other. Then came a moment of terrible, eerie silence before realisation of the devastation hit those lucky enough to have survived.

"It seems the three bombers made eye contact and then detonated their charges in quick succession in a bid to cause the maximum human car-nage," said Avi Ben-David, my butcher, whose shop was only yards from the main blast.

"Before this happened, I was a supporter of peace. But my backing for peace is over now. It was the most terrible experience: a wall of broken glass came whistling through the passage and there were pieces of body everywhere. I shall never forget today as long as I live."

The three bombers were assumed to be members of Hamus's Izz al-Din al-Qassam military wing, named after a nationalist sheikh killed by the British in the 1930s. The organisation claimed responsibility for the bombings and said that more attacks would follow if all its prisoners were not set free by September 14. Israeli officials said there was no chance of that.

In the aftermath of the explosions. the centre of Jerusalem was turned into a surreal and panic-stricken nightmare scene. Men, women and children were running in all direc-

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the scene of devastation



Christopher Walker reports from Jerusalem on the grim aftermath of yesterday's suicide-bombings, which happened close to the Times office

tions screaming into mobile phones and jumping into cars and heading off into the chaotic traffic.

Many were in tears and some were streaked with blood. Some of the bravest and most foothardy went closer to the centre of the attack to give help to the scores of wounded, some of whom had terrible distigurements that will remain etched in the mind for years. Unlike a real war, there was little glory to be found among the suffering; and no way those involved - of whatever race or creed - could admire the motivation

the three deaci bombers, who carried! **6** Ben Gurion out their orders after repeated brainwashshould have ing in Hamas: mosques. "If you die in a real war, that is Hamas: expelled every something different. Arab when he This just seems so futile," said Avi Abramtook the owitz, 17, a Jewish student from Texas place 9 who escaped death by a few yards. He was in

a shop less than 201ft from one of the bomibs when it was detonated as the boimber callously stared into the faces of those he was about to kill and maim, including many children who had just come out from schools which resumed on

There was one man with most of his face blown away. My only instinct was to run as fast as may legs could take me," the student, his face a deathly pale under his tan, said.

"There is only one solution — expet every single Arab. David Ben-Gurion the former Prime Minister should have done that when he took the place. It is the only solution to this

continuing slaughter. Like many tourists who have voted with their feet since the Jerusalen; market bombing on July 30 which killed 17, including the two bombers, the student said he was cutting short his stay and returning to Texas. Tourism, with the peace process, w/as dealt a grievous blow by the bom bs which were followed in less than two minutes by the wailing of scores of ambulances. As medical teams treat'ed victims on the pavements, the

signs of the attack were everywhere. The façade of the Israel Discount Bank was spattered with blood as if it was part of the set for some violent film and the umbrellas of the Atara Café, founded during the British mandate, lay twisted among the wreckage. from London, told how she had survived by lying on the floor of a

shop with her friend after the first of the three carefully coordinated blasts. "I just looked out-side the shop for the first time; it is like something I have never experi-enced before." she said.

Abie Mendelson, 18, a religious student from Los Angeles, was taken to Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital, his head covered in bandages and his eyebrows singed and burnt. He said he had just toasted the Jewish new year learly next month) when the bombs when off.

"We had just clinked our glasses when we heard the explosion." he said. "I heard my friend screaming. I

walk." He added that it was only after he went into a shop and looked in a mirror that he realised he had been hurt. "I saw blood, I saw my hair was burnt off." he said. "I am a little scared. I saw a nail that cut a hole through my pants which I hadn't even noticed was there."

A tourist from Potomac, Maryland, said she did not want to give her name because "I don't want my husband to know how close I was to the bomb". She said: "One minute I was sitting having lunch, and the next

minute I was running."
Bob Helfman, a tourist from Detroit, Michigan, said he was sitting at a café when the attack began. "There vere three of us talking, and suddenty I heard an explosion," he said. "1 tried to get up, realising it was a bomb, but my feet could not even support me, and I fell over. Then I heard another bomb, and everyone started running. No one knew which direction to go in."

Two teenage girls huddled together, comforting each other, as they looked for a friend they had been waiting for at Burger King who had never arrived.

Nearby, a cheer went up from a rowd of onlookers as several people ore a banner off the top of a building. It read "Peace Now"

Israel radio had been relaying a re port on the impending funeral of Di ana, Princess of Wales, when the attack came and programmes were interrupted with witness accounts and hospital emergency telephone numbers. Teams of dogs were taken to the city centre to search for more mbs, heightening the atmosphere of partic that gripped a city whose popul; ition is better used than most to

o photograph could depict the special blend of fear. anger and disgust that grilpped Jerusalem yesterday and which will not evaporate quickly. By hitting the equivalent of London's Ox ford Street and King's Road with the biggest squad of suicide bombers it has yet dispatched, Hamas has ensured that Israel will make a very han sh res ponse.

Liast night, as many shops and restaurants remained shut out of a sense of respect for the dead or beca use of bomb damage, it was not clear that the peace process could survi ve such a calculated provocation again'st a people determined never again to be cowed into submission.

In an odd sidelight on events elsewhere, journalists covering the bombings said they encountered greater hostility than ever before, apparemitly because of a backlash against the death of Diana, Princess of Wales: "Paparazzi, get out of here," passers-lay yelled at the press.

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A soldier comforts a woman at the screne of Jerusalem's triple suicide-bombing. Local people and tourists were am ong those injured in the crowded street

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and Inacjo Ribeiro - established their reputation with their little four-colour cushmere cardigans. They are designers Missoni, and the French designer Sonia Ryklel, spearheading the revival in.

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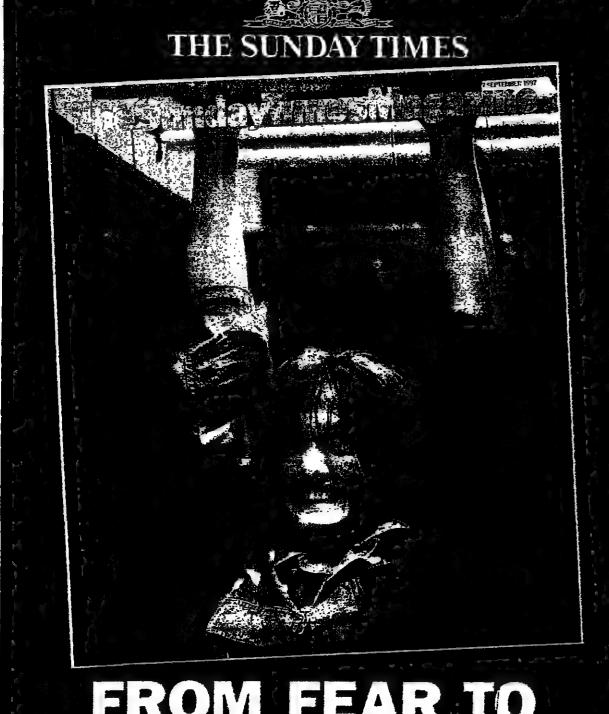
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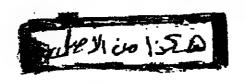
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# The nation needs this ritual of mourning

To grieve a public figure shows not weakness but dignity. Jason Cowley on the passing of a Princess

he death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has provoked an expression of public grief and mourning that is almost overwhelming in its intensity, and arguably unrivalled in British history. Anyone who has gathered with the patient, sombre mourners outside St James's Palace, or seen pictures of the remarkable iloral tributes being laid in a shrine of remembrance at the gates of Kensington Palace, realises the country is in the grip of a ceremony of mourning - perhaps an hysteria of mourning. But why do we need the ritual of mourning, and what does it tell us about ourselves and our nation? One of the difficulties of

mourning is that we lack an appropriate vocabulary of grief; the "meaning" of mourning appears to lie on the other side of language. It is the voice of the metaphysical will, When we do attempt to articulate our despair, we too often find ourselves resorting to clichès or platitudes. So instead of talking, we act: "We wanted to do something," say the sign the books of condolence. "We wanted to show we cared."

This difficulty of articulation, says Řabbi Julia Neuberger, accounts for our reliance on ritual: flowers. music, prayer, candles, food. The ritual of mourning touches something deep within us, something almost animal." wounded it retreats to its lair or gathers in a pack. Human beings do the same, whether it is retreating to the home, or finding solace in the comfort of the crowd, as is the case at the moment. There is a great need to act, to show in deed what we cannot show in words. Some-

times it is not enough simply

to say you are sorry." Dorothy Rowe, a psychologist and author, says that even in a secular state, where many have lost faith in conventional religons but not in the wider mysteries of existence, the yearning for ritual remains deep. She recalls how her son, Edward, a journalist, was so affected by seeing bodies burn while reporting on the fire at the Bradford City football ground that the only way he could express his grief was by planting a tree in the garden.
Edward's experience shows us, on a private level, and Diana's on a public, that it is important to honour a death. Doing so marks us out as human. If we value human life, we value the rituals that bind us together. And as a nation I feel we are getting better at expressing grief."

She is surely right. There have been so many British disasters in the past decade or so — the Bradford fire, Hillsborough, the sinking of the Marchioness pleasure boat, Lockerbie. Dunblane - that it is as though we have undergone a transformation in national character; as though we have learnt how to mourn. publicly. Rowe points out that the laying of flowers at a place

The Princess returns home

Dr Tony Walter, reader in sociology at the University of Reading and co-founder of the National Funerals College, agrees that there has been a remarkable shift in our attiwe divide into two groups: those, such as the Queen and Prince of Wales, who grieve in private without any public display of emotion, except for subtle hints — a solitary tear or wavering voice - and those who are more openly expressive. The latter tend to be of the younger generation, for whom Diana was such a powerful figurehead. "Until recently, I would have said most British people slipped into the first category, given our tradition for keeping a stiff upper lip."

But, Dr Walter points out, there has been a change: the trauma of Aids, with its red ribbons of empathy, the rise in influence of the caring professions and the example of Diana herself have encouraged a new openness and heightened receptivity to grief. "It is remarkable." he savs the media have

legitimised and encouraged this outpouring of emotion. Inthe past, people were praised for holding themselves rogether, for not breaking down, for behaving, in fact, like the Royal Family, But now the media are almost unanimous in their condemnation of the Royal Family for not publicly expressing grief. The media may even have played a part in the Queen's decision to broadcast to the nation,"

Rabbi Neuberger is interested in how the British pattern of delaying a funeral contrasts with the Islamic, Jewish or even Irish Christian tradition of a swiftly arranged funeral followed by a period of in-tense, ritualised mourning. "In Ireland, where you have the wake, or in Judaism, with its seven days of concen-

trated mourning, the real process of grieving begins after the funeral. And I do hope Diana's principal mourners will be left alone to grieve." Dr Frank Furedi, a

sociologist at Kent University, believes that the public mourning for Diana chimes with what he calls the new therapeutic politics of Bill Clinton and Tony Blair. These are all about character and personality, not hard policy, about showing that you

care and are touched by other people's pain. In the past few years, the culture of vulnerability has become institutionalised in British society.

"We expect people to cry, to ciety has become so fragmented, grief seems the only way of bringing people together. Our identity as being a people finds expression in a tragic incident; in short, the ritual of grieving brings us together and shows us we are not alone."

ot since the death of Eva Peron beauty, ambivalent guiding light and holy mother of Argentina's poor - has a woman so engaged the sympathy of socalled ordinary people. Some of the mourners outside Kensington Palace have even for Diana's canonisation. Certainly the momentum behind a cult of Diana appears unstoppable.

Lord Blake, the constitution-

al historian, believes her funeral will serve as an unparalleled collective expression of



mourning. He agrees that the crowds outside Kengsington Palace have operated as a kind of collective grieving con-sciousness. It is the mark of the dignity of a nation that it marks the passing of a public figure it loves. I don't think there has ever been a display of public mourning to compare with what is happening.
The mourning that fol-

lowed the death of Queen Victoria and Winston Churchill was great, but they were very old and their deaths didn't come as a terrible shock. George VI. who died before his time, was deeply mourned, but not to the extent of Diana. Her death is unique in British

history. The way the country mourns may never be the

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# **Portraits of Diana**

ALL week I have been gazing at photographs of Diana. Princess of Wales - on television, in newspapers, pinned to railings at Kensington Palace. The nation is transfixed by a face.

But where are the painted portraits? I know the era of the portrait is long gone, but Diana sat for commissioned artists several times, and it seems odd not to see one of the paintings among so many images reproduced. Sure, a few children's drawings flutter sadly among the flowers and pavement artists chalk flagstone images. But shouldn't the official portraits have had some place in this week's record of Diana's life? The answer is no. The face

that launched a hundred bestselling editions of glossy magazines was better portrayed by the average paparazzo's snap than by the artist. Of course, royal portraiture has always been a precarious profession - one wouldn't want to ruffle the vanities of a royal client Indeed, Holbein's flattery of Anne of Cleves was so assiduous that Henry VIII agreed to marry the woman on the strength of it - only later to find himself looking a "Flanders' mare" in

the mouth. But why should the portraits be so mediocre? Remember Bryan Organ's engagement portrait, so brittle and bland? It was set upon by a lunatic with a knife. And though the attacker was saying something about Ireland, Paintings did not do her justice, says Rachel Campbell-Johnston



Three times a Princess: Diana, painted by John Merton

not the painting, his actions set some sort of precedent. All subsequent portraits of Diana were targets of verbal attack. Richard Foster in 1986 was charged with managing to make Diana look "positively David Hankinson aimed for the aura of the

"Disgusting chocolate-box

rubbish addressed to the bar-

gain basement at Woolworths," fumed Brian Sewell of the London Evening Standard. In the most recent portrait Henry Mee tried to avoid such iconic imagery tense, frowning, and rigidly erect, the Princess stares from under a shock of greying hair. fairy-tale - a pastel Princess If a portrait says as much - and ended up with an about the artist as the subject. these probably suggest the atmosphere of Mothercare.

artists were not much good.

But at this moment, people

this year, show a woman supine and at ease, grinning happily into the lens. Even those many stolen snapshots of Diana - scurrying from the gym, clambering quickly into the car, dashing out of her home - capture her spirit better than any painting. Passing moods and postures - the hands held shyly together, the coy upward glance, the sudden wide smile

Diana have wanted to be commemorated in so formal a

lower lip - are caught with a startling intimacy by the Before we honour the Princess by erecting a statue, we should remember this. Would

or the nervous catching of the

# Inside the museum of the senses

Isabel Carlisle on Alexandria.

city of muses, home to hedonism

The Al Fayeds come from Alexandria. Mention of this city at the moment will probably bring its most ediately to mind. But next week a conference is to be held at King's College London (11-13 September) which will explore far deeper resonances of the ancient city. Few cities have such scanty

physical and written remains and such a tenacious reputation as ancient Alexandria. Despite the recent discovery of fragments of the famous lighthouse - one of the seven wonders of the world - at the bottom of the harbour, we are not much closer to knowing what the Hellenistic city looked like. Yet its combination of cosmopolitanism, hedonism and learning (the last housed in the specially built Mouseion dedicated to the Muses) stamped itself so strongly in the Western imagination that when the city pulled itself back together in the 19th century that was the character that once again as-

serted itself. From its foundation by Alexander the Great in 332 BC Alexandria was a multi-ethnic place. The Macedonian and the Hellenes

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Anthony

is seduced

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Alexander brought with him were awarded the citizenship denied to local Egyptians. Thus, in the first of the city's many contradic-Alexandria was in Egypt and not Egyptian. Jews migrated

there as soon as it

was founded, as did people from around the southern Mediterranean. Alexandria became a city whose violent internal conflicts were sparked more by religious issues (including philosophies such as Stoicism, Epicureanism and Neo-Platonism that it gave birth to) than by race.

A synthetic creation from its foundation, it was given a synthetic religion by its first ruler, Ptolemy I, who concocted a new god called Serapis -Osiris and Apis with the appearance of the Greek god of healing, Aesculapius. Ptolemy I also made sure that the bier carrying the body of the dead and already deified Emperor Alexander ended up in his city. When Christianity arrived it was quickly assimilated by a culture that well used to accommodating new

Ptolemy I also founded the Mouseion (from which our word museum comes) as the intellectual factory of the royal palace. It attracted scholars from across the Hellenistic world and beyond who copied as many texts as they could lay their hands on, ensuring that the Library would be world famous as the repository of all knowledge. Huge advances were made in learning at this period: the nervous system was discovered (through the vivisection of living prisoners): the first Greek grammar was compiled and the calendar as we know it was devised.

Physically, ancient Alexandria was dismantled by the Romans (Julius Caesar accidentally set fire to the great Library in the Mouseion)

while the Arab conquest of Alexandria in 641 AD removed Alexandria from the map for more than a millennium. It was only in 1820 when it was redeveloped by its new ruler Mohammed Ali that it regained its character of a cosmopolitan port. Jews, Leb-anese and Syrians settled here, refugees from the Balkan conflicts and impoverished Southern Italians and island Greeks. They stayed in this polygiot city until in 1956 all non-Egyptians were expelled

the Suez crisis. Spiritually, Alexandria survived in the literature of other nations. The Greek poet Cavafy, who lived and wrote there, has been since his death in 1933 the incarnation of Alexandria for modern Greeks.

by Nasser in the aftermath of

Ptolemaic Alexandria colours his writing but his own homosexuality was another link with and continuation of Alexandria's licentious past. Cavafy was much influenced by Edward Gibbon's idea of Alexandria as a place of extreme turbulence and also drew on Shakespeare's portrayal of Antony and Cleopa-tra (the last of the Ptolemies to rule Alexandria) as sensual characters intoxicated by plea-sure. In Shake-

speare's play Mark Antony is seduced as much by Alexandria as by Cleopa-Shakespeare himself derived his information from Plutarch's lives of Antony and Cleopatra: a connective chain of creative writing. E. M. Forster

forms a British link in the chain, as did Lawrence Durrell. For Forster, Alexandria's open tolerance of homosexuality was a liberation. When he arrived there during the First World War on Red Cross work, Cavafy introduced him not just to the male brothels but the idea of Alexandria as a city of hedonism - a sexual encyclopaedia to rival the many branches of learning whose texts had been housed in the ancient Library. In the 1950s Lawrence Durrell elaborated on the city's pleasures. and its cosmopolitanism and faded grandeur, in his The Alexandria Quartet.

t the end of the 20th Acentury the image of Alexandria that resonates most strongly is that of the ability to fuse differences. It was a city of apparent contradictions: hedonism and learning: paganism and Christianity; multi-ethnic and Greek. Today Alexandria is a city perpetually caught bedevelopment and demolition.

UNESCO is now raising \$180 million to build on the old Hellenistic site a new library specialising in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern studies and the histories of medicine and science. The building of this library echoes the efforts of Ptolemy I who used culture to put the city on the map. But the uncontrolled development of the coastline to attract mass tourism andits decline as a cosmopolitan centre may be the final caesura between our idea of Alexandria and its

### Royal commemoration and philanthropic impetus have long been linked, says Frank Prochaska

s mourning ebbs for the Princess of Wales after her funeral, people's thoughts will slowly turn to commemoration. Memory may be the finest memorial, but permanent monuments also seem required, lest we be left with an image of the Princess as a tragic vapour, a latter-day Lady Jane Grey. Given her works and glamour and the surfeit of grief and guilt over recent days, memorials to her life will soon be springing up across the country and indeed the world. Among the thousands of suggestions have been village halls and commemorative stamps, hospitals for children and a landmine treaty. For his part, Richard Branson has called for a royal foundation, with the Queen as patron until Prince William is old

enough to be brought on board. In response to public demand, Buckingham Palace announced on Wednesday that the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund was being set up, which would channel donations into the Princess's favoured causes. Given the breathtaking level of enthusiasm, the fund is likely to open out on a wide humanitarian front; but it will need to do more than simply accept donations if it is to make the most of its possibilities. Serious thought, diplomacy and as-tute fundraising will be needed, and quickly, for such widespread spontaneous goodwill cannot last. If former campaigns are any guide, the coming

# From national loss to charitable gain

Because of the immense popularity of the Princess around the globe, unique for a member of the post-imperial Royal Family, the memorial fund has colossal potential (an estimate that it could raise £250 million seems modest). Conceivably, we may be about to witness the creation of an extraordinary institution, what could become a world trust, bringing together a dynamic mix of royalty, statesmen and celebrities, underpinned by corporate wealth and small donations from the unsung millions rarely reached by the charitable sector.
Contributions have been flowing in. not least from the United States. The opportunity to tap American generos-

ity should not be missed. Intriguingly, the memorial fund has been set up in Kensington Palace, suggesting a semi-detached royal status in keeping with the Princess's position in the Royal Household. Will the Queen be asked to serve as patron? Will the Princes become involved in time, as a way of introducing them to the public while

carrying forward their mother's tomorrow, there would be no short-work? If she does and they do, the age of testimony to their caring monarchy would surely benefit, for royal involvement would identify the Crown with a popular form of social service and help to keep its enemies at bay. It would be surprising if, in a time of republican revival, the Royal Family failed to take whatever advantage it could from the loss of its most

It should not be forgotten that the Princess, despite her difficulties with the Windsors, became a presence on the world stage because of her royal status. And the memorial fund, like the work of the Princess during her lifetime, may be seen as an expression of royal philanthropy, which has become crucial to the monarchy's survival since its political power declined. With public feeling running so much in her favour, it is easy to forget that the Princess of Wales was not the only member of the Royal Family who has been active on the charitable stage. If Princess Anne or the Prince of Wales were to die

services, despite their never having hugged a leper. The Princess of Wales was a potent

campaigner who probably raised more money each year for charity than the cost of the monarchy to the nation. But she did more than this, for she was able to highlight particular causes, some of them unfashionable, from landmines to Aids. In doing so she was putting her special spin on a tradition pioneered by earlier generations of royalty. The monarch's support for inoculation transformed the campaign against smallpox in the early 19th century. Queen Charlotte reduced the prejudice against prostitutes through her patronage of a hospital for their reclamation. In his day, Edward VII turned his mind to finding a cure for

Nor is the charitable commemoration of royalty, anything new. Popular campaigns have been harnessed to coronations, jubilees and royal

deaths for centuries. George III's Jubilee in 1809 resulted in mass charitable celebration, largely bubbling up from below, created by public demand. Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 saw the setting up of 4,000 charities, including the King's Fund for the London hospitals and the Indian Famine Fund, which raised £2 million, a sum which in spending power far exceeded the amount raised in the 1980s to relieve the African famine.

The commemorative moment that bears the closest resemblance to today took place after Prince Albert's death. Overnight, an Albert cult appeared. Grieving philanthropists popped up across the country, often tacking their pet projects on to the pretence of erecting them in the memory of a popular Prince. Apart from the institutions of Albertopolis, civic leaders erected seven hospitals, two of them as far afield as Australia, and set in train a host of improving schemes, from schools and orphanages to church bells and parish pumps. It is entirely in keeping with British history that much the same thing will be happening in the days to come in the name of a popular Princess. Her death is a piquant reminder of the vitality of the nation's voluntary traditions.

Frank Prochaska is the author of Royal Bounty: The Making of a

# How the Left took over Diana

Lacking glamour since Che Guevara,

radical chic has

found a new icon,

says John Lloyd had thought of booking tickets for Aberdeen, in order to spend Saturday afternoon at the Scot-

land-Belarus match. With no interest in the outcome, I felt it might be a goo-free zone where sensible people had decided that mourning in a free society should be freely undertaken and that a match beginning after the public funeral ends could hardly be taken amiss.

Think again. Jim Farry, the Scottish Football Association secretary, was that rare public figure, one who thought it possible in this past week to speak sense. "I have been to family funerais," he said, "and what I can say is that the natural rhythm of life should be resumed as quickly as possible." For such sentiments, his job now hangs by a thread.

All eyes are now on the flagpole above Buckingham Palace: the last public symbol of a belief that mourning is, in this secular society, a choice. It flies when the Queen is in town. The people, enraged, refuse to wait for the Royal Train to arrive from Balmoral and have demanded that the standard be half-raised to salute the Death. A bare royal flagpole is a curious place to look for a confirmation that we respect freedom of thought and speech. But even this symbol has now been abandoned: there will, after all, be an unprecedented flag at half-mast over the Palace during the funeral.

These contrary thoughts are born of the awful mobilisation, more powerful than anything the postwar generations have witnessed, of our emotions. The funerals of Victoria and Churchill differed in many respects but above all in this: one could dissent from the grief. Anti-imperialists could withhold approval of the obsequies of the regina imperatrix: old Labourites of the 1960s could remember Churchill's reactionary days and keep their red handkerchiefs in their pockets. But when the People's Princess gets a People's Funeral, what room for dissent? He who is not with us is against her.

In this mobilisation, the Left and the Liberals have played a terribly important role. Overwhelmingly,



they have followed the lead given by the Prime Minister. Lacking an icon since Che Guevara posters became passe and every revolutionary idol was shown to have feet not so much of clay as ankle-deep in blood, the Left has been given, through the Death, a figure whose popularity is already assured but whose message can be co-opted.

In The Guardian. Jonathan Freedland wrote of Diana's "revolutionary doctrine" of "hugs and warmth and confession ... whose enemy was the frigidity of our natural reserve". Henry Porter, also in The Guardian, was the first I saw to castigate the Royal Family for ruthlessly taking the Princes to church after they knew of the Death. An Independent leader, headed "If only the royals could weep with the people", repeated his point, arguing that "the inclusive and democratic nature of the response (to the Death) would have been everything she had hoped for as 'Queen of Hearts'."

Libby Purves on this page urged a ban on any report, opinion or graven image of the young Princes until they become adult. With the authority of Oxford, Professor John Gray sees the baying for admission of royal guilt and the dragooning of all public events into expressions of synchronised grieving as evidence of "one of the world's most liberal countries".

It had been one of the received wisdoms of anti-communism that whenever one met the People capitalised, one knew something undemocratic was afoot. A People's Princess is not a People's Democracy, to be sure: but in recasting the people

as the People we move into danger-ous territory. I had thought, with Gray, that this was one of the world's most liberal countries. But my belief has been shaken this past week - not least by those to whose judgments I usually most attend.

Indeed, on the Right is where relief

has largely been found. Boris Johnson used a piece in the Telegraph to report that "many Tories were privately appalled at the Prime Minister's lip-trembling display. Many people - including many intelligent women - are infuriated by the Argentinian peasant hagiography of the Princess. We all know there was another side to the story." (Johnson is, however, not an aspiring MP for nothing: he slipped in a "lump in my throat" in the last paragraph, no doubt a genuine one but a handy insurance against a future wellbriefed Conservative Association selection meeting, for all that.)

But leading all others was conservative US columnist George F. Will in The Washington Post on Tuesday. Diana died, he wrote, "at the intersection of a pre-modern institution, royalty, and the modern sensibility which holds that privacy is a denial of a democratic entitlement, the public's entitlement to any fact that entertains. She seems to have understood that her life was a constant conjuring ousness to her position as she tried to live off derivative dignity from an anachronistic institution while cultivating the royalism of a democratic age — celebrity".

Curiously - for the Left has pioneered media studies - there has been little questioning of the role of the media beyond its demonological role in hastening the Death. Yet it is clear that its omnivorous appetite for the raw material of public entertainment has set up a field of force of great power, into which Diana entered and at once dominated and suffered from. It is also clear that the People are today constituted in their capitalised form most of all by the electronic media, tabloid journalism, advertising and public relations. It has made them relatively easy to reach by those politicians who have gathered what the media has done as Margaret Thatcher did in flashes and Tony Blair does constantly.

And the Royal Family never. The Left has seized on Diana as its champion against Windsor: the human against the monuments, the spontaneous against the rigid. "Her brave, bright, brash life will forever cast a giant shadow over the sickly bunch of bullies who call themselves our ruling house", wrote Julie Burchill. The campaigner against mines has sown a minefield for her former in-laws; if they put a foot out towards the People, they are seeking to profit by associating themselves with her. If they remain secluded, they are failing to grieve with the People. A punk republicanism now perches on the memory of a woman who blasted the Royal Family into obscurity by the sheer brilliance of the image which one of the most pitilessly efficient media machines in

the world pumped in, and out, of her.

Comparisons with the obsequies to Victoria and Churchill underline the uniqueness of tomorrow's event. At the core of their funerals was a concept of service to the state, clear and unambiguous. The people knew what they were mourning.

But what do the People know of Diana's service to the state? They know what the circling, vulpine media told of her, and of the images she used them to broadcast. She had transcended, since her separation from her husband, the stuffy, nationbounded world of the Royal Association of this and the Royal Society for that; she had entered into, and indeed was, Queen of the world of international caring, where pop stars and actors and broadcasters frame themselves with the wretched of the earth.

This is a complex realm. How much good is done by aid is all on the left. Of Diana, it can securely be said that her championing of the landmines cause appears to have shamed states, especially a reluctant United States, into some action. More than that is a puzzle.

Yet the Left has put all of that by for another day. It has agreed with the Prime Minister that the People know their own hearts. The People have an ache which is not assuaged by the hauteur of the ruling house - an ache to be touched, to be cuddled, to be reached out to and cared for which Diana seemed to satisfy.

How it is that this sickness - if it is one - can really be alleviated by such an image as she was, and how that image assists us in the births for which we must make room, the deaths we must endure, and the loves we grasp or miss or demean, is buried in all of this. Tomorrow's funeral will be a fraught and ambiguous event which in the debate surrounding it has shown as much intolerance as warmth, as much humbug as humanity.

Little less befits her going than the manner in which we consign her dust to the dust. Or less honours us.

The author is associate editor of the New Statesman. Matthew Parris and Philip Howard will return next week.

## Foot in mouth

IT is not only journalists who are cradling their consciences after their assaults on Diana. Princess of Wales, John Gummer launched a vitriolic attack on her shortly before her fatal accident. The offensive article has been passed to me.

The former Tory chairman accused the Princess of doing "considerable harm to the monarchy" and even of having "failed" in her role as consort. The tirade appeared in the Catholic Herald - unnoticed





until now by anyone beyond that

It is an extraordinary rant.

Attacking her for being photo-graphed on holiday with Dodi Fayed, he wrote: "A little decent relicence would be the least we

could expect from someone whose

enormous privileges have given

her so much for which she seems

He confers light praise on her campaign against landmines (it is a

neither grateful nor obliged."

newspaper's select readership.

Accused and accuser: the Princess and "uncritical" Mr Gummer

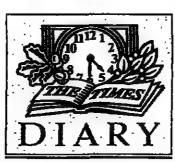
cause, the mighty Gummer assures us, for which he has "a great deal of sympathy"), but then ponders: "How long can she be taken seriously if she has not learnt to conduct herself as her position and her serious views demand?"

Even before the death of the Princess, the article appalled scribes on the Herald. "A lot of people here thought it was disgraceful and quite un-Christian," says one. Readers have fired in complaints to the newspaper.

So has Mr Gummer had the chance to reassess his view of the late Princess since last Sunday? "I was not critical. I said how much good she was capable of doing," he offers. "When people die you consider their good points." A touch late, perhaps.

### Pulp friction

AN ATMOSPHERE of shame laced with panic pervades the Mayfair offices of Tatler, the October issue of which includes a glib arti-cle about the Princess. The fourpage feature, focusing on Diana's penchant for holidays abroad, was printed before her death. It is now being removed. "It is too late to reprint, so they'll have to rip them out Less easy to amend will be any ref-



erence to the article on the cover. which may have to be concealed on each issue with masking tape. All but the most seasoned Tatler toilers are said to be wilting under the

### Cooked books

NO such restraint in London's Bloomsbury. Up to five publishers are engaged in an unseemly scramble to bring out the first "tribute" book to Diana. They are working through the night (for once) to launch books as early as next week.

Keenest of all is Orion, which will be off the presses by this coming Wednesday, "With the huge de-mand, we decided to go ahead with it, " says the company. A chunky do-Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, but "we certainly have to cover our

Not all are downing celebratory brandies at the Garrick. A former shaker at Orion is scathing: "It is all about money. They did a similar 'hack job' when Ayrton Senna died. On Sunday the first thing they thought about was finding a writer to cobble together this load of old rubbish. Some tribute."

 The lawyer hired by Mohamed Al Fayed to act for him against the paparazzi whom he holds responsi-ble for his son's death has "previ-ous". Georges Kijman acted for the Mitterrand family when its mem-bers sued Paris Match for publish-ing snaps of the late President as he lay dead in his room at the Elysée Palace. In the absence of any conclusive evidence that the picture had been obtained by ille-gal means. Kijman and the Mitterrands were seen off empty-

### Field day

OF far greater significance than the cancellation of the nation's sporting fixtures on Saturday is the decision not to hold the much-enjoyed Weston and Weedon Horticultural Society's annual show, held each year shire seat of the Sitwell family.

The show, held in the grounds of Weston Hall, former home to the poet Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, will still be opened by Baroness Knight. Previous notables to open the show have included Dame Edna

Everage, Derek Nimmo and Susan George, a neighbour. It is always a spirited occasion. A few years back, a light broke out during the traditional after-dinner auction of produce. One villager bid for all the flowers on behalf of his slightly inebriated friend. When the poor chap awoke and noticed the procession of chrysanthemums heading to his table, he launched a violent attack on his friend, forcing Francis Sitwell to intervene and

### Frocks off

cancel future auctions.

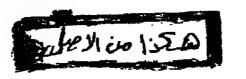
SOBER and bereft. London's party set have downed canapes and flute glasses in honour of the Princess. Last night the doors were firmly shut at Hatchards, the royal booksellers, which had been due to host a party for 400 to celebrate publication of a biography of the author Countess Elizabeth Longford, 91. "It's hard to celebrate anything at a time like this." says Lady Longford. author of works on the Queen and at the crumbling Northampton- Queen Elizabeth the Queen Moth-



Hat racked: Ms Kristensen

er. "We've made another date in three weeks." A still longer period of mourning is demanded by the dressmaker Isabel Kristoner

abel Kristensen, who had invited 200 self-celebrating celebrities including the Duchess of York to a fashion show in London. "Isabel has put them off until October." sobs one of her plume-hatted associates. "She's just still too raw."



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### MONARCH AND MEDIA

Time to look forward to funeral and the future

The Queen's decision to address the nation on television this evening is the most significant news since the death of Diana. Princess of Wales. Never before will a broadcast by the Queen have been watched and listened to with such attention. Although most of her audience would have preferred that the decision be more spontaneous, they will be grateful that the Palace has at last grasped the urgent need for a direct personal message. The Palace should not have needed reminding that the media must be used, promptly and creatively, if a modern Head of State is to communicate effectively with her people. The communication must be in both directions. In her words tonight, the Queen will need to demonstrate that she is listening to her subjects, shares their sense of loss, and harbours no ill-will towards those who offer constructive criticism in a spirit of loyalty.

The media are a vital link between the monarchy and the people, and never more so than at a time of national trauma. Even if the Royal Family had not been insulated at Balmoral from the turbulent emotions released by last Sunday's tragedy, television, radio and the press would still have been their indispensible barometer of the public mood. By Saturday, perhaps a million people will have queued to offer their thoughts and prayers to the dead Princess; many millions of others will have paid tribute in other ways and at other places. Yet without the media to echo and articulate their feelings, these multitudes would not have been able to make themselves understood in Balmoral.

The marketplace in which the press must work demands that newspapers be sensitive to the views of their readers. Yesterday's Palace statement, that the Royal Family had been "hurt" by press criticism, is evidence of a fatal tendency to blame the messenger. The truth is that the monarchy has been illserved by its flatterers, whether in the Palace or the press. One of the reasons why the British Royal Family has not suffered the fate of so many of its continental cousins has been the presence here of the world's oldest, freest and most vigorous press. Walter Bagehot's celebrated definition of the Sovereign's rights - to be consulted, to encourage and to warn - is not a bad description of the function of the media vis à vis royalty. This week the warnings have been heeded, but only after unnecessary damage had been done.

There has been a belated change of plans. Over the past 24 hours, the Royal Family has begun to show commendable flexibility in meeting the complaints voiced in the press earlier in the week. The decision to fly flags at half-mast over Kensington Palace after the arrival of the Princes today and over Buckingham Palace during the funeral is proof that protocol is not Holy Writ. Many will have been cheered by the visits of the Duke of York and Prince Edward to St James's Palace yesterday - particularly by the fact that, after paying their respects to the Princess, they then showed solidarity with the mourners by going on a walkabout. It is also good that the senior members of the family - the Queen, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret - are returning today. rather than just before the funeral.

At the funeral itself, all eyes will be on Princes William and Harry. Many will be surprised and some disappointed, that they and their father, the Prince of Wales, will not be reading lessons or prayers. We must assume that their decision has been arrived at after consultation with the Spencer family and the Dean of Westminster; it must be respected. This makes the procession to the Abbey, which it is hoped will be led by Prince Charles and his sons, all the more important. It may be witnessed by half humanity. For the boy princes, such exposure demands courage and self-sacrifice. They are - and have to be - the living symbols of new life. More than ever before, the monarchy stands in need of their tangible signs that it has a brighter future.

### THE TACTICS OF TERROR

Arafat must recognise that Hamas is his problem

The suicide bombs that exploded at the Ben Yehuda mall in Jerusalem yesterday represent the most audacious attack yet conducted by Hamas terrorists. The scenes of death and devastation matched those inflicted in the Mahane Yehuda market five weeks ago. This assault signifies a deliberate escalation of terrorist activity and suggests that Israel will suffer further atrocities still. The awful nature of these assaults makes them especially difficult to predict or prevent. Intelligence is almost everything.

Neither the occasion nor the tactics of Hamas requires much decoding. The blast was aimed at such fragile reconciliation as had occurred between Israel and the Palestinian National Authority since the last outrage. It has immediately ensured that the economic blockade eased by Binyamin Netanyahu earlier this week has again been reinstated. In the circumstances, there was little real choice but to seal Israel's borders. The bombings also serve to highlight the terrorists' capacity for destruction even when pressure has been placed on Yassir Arafat to cooperate with Israel on security issues. The Hamas hierarchy also intended to send a message to Madeleine Albright in advance of the US Secretary of State's initial visit to the region scheduled for next week.

All of this presents Mr Netanyahu with a considerable political problem. He was elected 16 months ago largely on his security credentials. For the first nine months after assuming power he could favourably contrast his record against terrorism with that of Shirnon Peres, his Labour Party predecessor. Now he faces exactly the same dilemma. He has little option but to continue with the peace process, but must do so in the knowledge that Hamas will attempt to intervene on a regular basis. Despite that, the pressure on him within his Cabinet to meet

escalation with counter-escalation will be enormous: Mr Netanyahu is not alone in this

difficulty. Terrorism is the fundamental question for all involved in the process. The reaction of many Palestinian officials was to claim that the perpetrators of this plot probably did not originate from those parts of the West Bank under their jurisdiction. Thus responsibility rested exclusively with Israel. That is an exceptionally dishonest argument. It is perfectly possible that - for purely tactical reasons - Hamas might have selected its suicide squad from within Israel's borders. This does not alter the fact that the command structure and leadership of the organisation exist and thrive in the area under Mr Arafat's influence. It is he who must put them out of commission.

If Palestinian politicians do not take more credible action against Hamas then they invite the assumption that selective slaughter is an acceptable strategy. Mr Arafat deliberately inflamed that impression with his willingness to embrace Hamas and Islamic Jihad at a "national unity meeting" in the Gaza Strip last month. The Palestinian President cannot continue with a schedule that alternates between American and Israeli officials on the one hand and the exponents of assassination on the other.

The American Administration also faces a difficult if different decision. Mrs Albright had made her tour contingent on security developments. On that basis she could have considered it necessary even essential to change her timetable. But the United States should not allow its diplomatic arrangements to be dictated by terrorism. The Secretary of State will rightly come to the Middle East as had been determined. She should now decide whom to meet on the strength of their stance against Hamas.

### LET THE GAMES RETHINK

The Olympics are now too big for any single city

In Lausanne, Switzerland, this afternoon, the members of the International Olympics Committee (IOC) will decide which of five cities should host the 2004 Games. It would be stretching credibility to suggest that the committee will deliberate the merits of the bids concerned. The process has long been tainted by the power of money and politics.

The IOC should be contemplating much broader matters. The real issue is the character of the Olympiad itself. The spectacle is too large for any single place on the planet to manage it comfortably. In part this is due to the revolution in communications and transportation that has swollen the ranks of media and spectators alike. The problems have been exacerbated, however, by the IOC itself. The sprint from an amateur competition to the opposite extreme of undiluted professionalism has helped to produce the current circus. So too the rapid expansion of the number of sports represented has undermined the Olympic ideal.

There have been the first signs of a backlash against this modern monster. The financial consequences for Montreal, which is still paying for its folly, and the damaging publicity suffered by Atlanta last year have had a powerful impact. Hostility has been expressed in Rome towards the prospect of staging the tournament. One book entitled 10 Good Reasons to say No to the 2004 Olympics in Rome has succinctly summarised such objections. The reaction in Sweden has been even more intense with nine incidents of arson and bombing in protest against Stockholm's application. Athens, too, has its domestic opponents.

Whoever holds the 2004 Olympics should be asked to host fewer events than the 271 examples that overwhelmed Atlanta. This does not mean that no new sports should ever be accepted; it does require others to be removed. If an Olympic gold medal does not represent the absolute zenith of achievement in a sport - as it clearly does not in the case of either football or tennis - then there is a powerful argument for their exclusion. The alternative is to continue towards the point where any pastime with a passable resemblence to a sport is included and

organisational chaos is almost invited. Countries rather than cities now need to be chosen. One central venue is required for the ceremonial aspects and the athletics but beyond that the various contests could and should be spread much more widely. If the IOC does not recognise that reality then whichever metropolis is awarded the prize is destined for misery as well as the glory.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Royal Family has responded with 'dignified restraint'

From Lady Meriel Darby

Sir, Last night several people in the crowds mourning Princess Diana ex-pressed disillusionment with the Royal Family.

It is not long since reticence, selfcontrol and a sense of duty were seen as the best of virtues, hard taught and hard learned. Now Princess Diana has shown us that duty is a cold thing without love, and reticence intolerable in the face of a mutilated child.

However, there can be no doubt that Prince Charles's and Princess Anne's work through The Prince's Trust and Save the Children springs from anything other than an earnest desire to help, and thousands of charitable functions have been boosted by the presence of a member of the Royal Family. Each has served as he or she

Princess Diana's compassion was genuine and personal as she reached out and touched people's wounds, I do so hope that equal compassion and gratitude will be shown to those who may have been restrained by the values of a harsher age.

MERIEL DARBY. Kemerton Court, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, xny/6@dial.pipex.com September 3.

From Mrs Victoria Solt Dennis

Sir. There is a fearful irony in Mr Rupen Mullick's assertion (letter, September 31 that the Royal Family should learn from the Princess's life that the "stiff upper lip is a thing of the Victorian era which has little value in a modern society".

He is right of course that it was the Princess's habit of showing her emotions freely to the world that made so many feel close to her: it was also precisely that trait that made the paparazzi batten on her like sharks in

Against 'superpubs'

From Mr Robert Wilson

intended to allay their fears.

grounds.

Yours etc.

(Chairman,

September 1.

Robert Adam.

Yours faithfully.

JOHN SMALL

Brighton, Sussex.

August 28.

ROBERT WILSON

From Mr John Small

Cheltenham Civic Society).

suggested by English Heritage, but of

balance: several parts of our town

centre are distinctly out of kilter

because the planning committee was

unable to refuse consent on planning

Obviously listed buildings must be

used, but if historic town centres are to

remain vibrant they must be places

where people choose to live. Super-

pubs threaten the very qualities sought by would-be residents, and

some extra planning control is des-

perately needed. After all, we have

restrictions on the number of nurs-

ing/rest homes because of the effect

too many can have in a given area.

Parmoor House, Lypian Terrace,

Sir, An application has been made to

change the use of Marlborough

House, in the Old Steine, described by

Nikolaus Pevsner as "the finest house

in Brighton", to a public house and

restaurant. Although the building has

been owned and used by the local

authority as offices for nearly 100

years, its main rooms retain their fine

original details and chimneypieces.

which were designed in 1786 by

If approval is granted, it is likely

that the main elevation of the house

will be viewed across a beer garden.

the former carriage drive. As at Bath.

it seems that English Heritage will not

it will be impossible to control irrep-

arable damage to the interior details.

(Honorary Secretary, The Regency

Society of Brighton and Hove).

3 Windlesham Gardens,

Africa's future

From Dr Michael Schluter

Sir, Matthew Parris's articles on Afri-

ca's economic problems (August 8, 15,

22; letters, August, 16, 21, 30) fail to

African societies prior to colonis-

ation had no concept of the state. All

property was privately owned. Fam-

ly, clan and tribe were the building

blocks of personal identity, so the plu-

ral state, made up of many cultures,

languages and "nations", owning a

large part of total income and assets.

is foreign. Cultures do not adapt to

such fundamental changes in days or

weeks, but in decades or even centu-

Add to this the impact of inter-

national aid and trade which has

take adequate account of history.

Those of us who object believe that

object to the change of use.

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire,

a feeding frenzy. If she had ever learned the "stiff upper lip" she might never have been the world's sweet-The Victorians cultivated self-con-

heart, but she might not now be dead. trol and reticience in public not for the fun of it, but because it was a tool for survival in a hard world. It still is. What a desperate pity that none of the Princess's friends and advisers managed to persuade her to adopt it.

Yours sincerely, VICTORIA SOLT DENNIS, 12 Prospect Row, Brompton, Gillingham, Kent. September 3.

From the Reverend Francis Pole

Sir, It's not altogether surprising that the Queen and older members of the Royal Family have been keeping such a low profile following the untimely death of Diana, Princess of Wales. As is becoming increasingly clear from the prolonged outpouring of grief, they have almost always been out of step with the mood of the general public in their attitude towards Diana not least in the quite unnecessary stripping of her "HRH" after her divorce.

Yours faithfully. FRANCIS POLE, St Stephen's Vicarage, 9 Warwick Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. francis.pole@virgin.net

From Mrs Phyllis Anderson

Sir, I am appalled at the public outery for the Royal Family to put their grief on public display.

All of Britain has for years condemned them for adhering so strictly to "Victorian protocol". Now, when they are behaving like a family, grieving and treating the two Princes like boys who have lost a mother, protecting them from the intrusion which

killed their mother, everyone is screaming for them to make some sort of public show.

Prince William and Prince Harry will have an enormous task ahead of them on Saturday. Let us remember that they are two boys being comforted and supported by their father and grandparents - at this point in time, no more than that.

For heaven's sake, leave them alone.

Yours etc. PHYLLIS ANDERSON, Aldham Priory, Aldham, Ipswich, Suffolk. phyllis.anderson@bainternet.com September 4.

From Mrs Lorna Crick

Sir, Diana, Princess of Wales, was admired, above all, for her compassion. The British public should follow her example and ask themselves whether she would have publicly criticised a family in mourning.

Yours faithfully, LORNA CRICK, Barn Hall. Tolleshunt Knights, Essex. September 4.

From Mr Michael J. Tucker

Sir, The mourning over the tragic loss of Diana, Princess of Wales, by the Spencer family and the Royal Family has been dignified and publicly restrained, whereas the hysteria from radio, television and newspapers has not. How some members of the media. can criticise the Royal Family for their behaviour is beyond me: perhaps dignity is no longer fashionable.

Yours faithfully, M. J. TUCKER, Ainsworth House. 52 Victoria Road. Cirencester, Gloucestershire. September 3.

### Wartime destroyer 'should be saved'

From Mr Sid Anning and others Sir, Major Anthony Crombie, of the

Sir, The problems associated with the Bath Society, is unfortunately right preservation of ships with historical when he states (report, with photointerest to this country have recently graphs. August 27) that "superpubs" been highlighted by the news of the increase "noise ... vandalism and proposed sale of HMS Cavalier, the anti-social behaviour", as Chelten-World War Two destroyer now owned ham can confirm. A recent planning by South Tyneside Metropolitan Borappeal by brewers for a "theme pub" in former bank premises in our distinctive Montpellier area was lost ough Council. The intended purchaser is a Malaysian company which after local people visited an example plans to make the ship part of a mantime museum in Port Kelang. It is not a matter of "Nimbys", as

Cavalier is the one extant example of the naval destroyers which, for many, symbolise one of the great periods of our seagoing heritage. Nearly 30,000 of our young men perished in them.

Before long the public will question why the preserved tanks and guns of the Army, and the Spitfires and Lancasters of the Royal Air Force are not matched in museums or elsewhere by their seagoing equivalents. The rea-son, of course, is that the preservation and maintenance of warships cannot be made economic without public subsidy, and this has only so far been made available to HMS Belfast.

The Heritage Lottery Fund is cur-

rently supporting the National Historic Ships Committee in setting up a database on prospective candidates for preservation, but this may be "too little, too late" for Cavalier.

We all served in Cavalier at one time or another and have very happy memories of her. We hope and believe that she can yet be saved for this counrry; but this can only happen if there is immediate recognition by Government of both her historic significance and the difficulties associated with the

Yours faithfully, SID ANNING. Chairman, HMS Cavalier Association; Able Seaman, HMS Cavalier, 1961-65, JOHN HERVEY, President, HMS Cavalier Association; mmanding Officer. HMS Cavalier, 1906-67. ROBIN MUSSON,

Supply Officer, HMS Cavalier, 1966-67, GEORGE VALLINGS. Navigating Officer, HMS Cavaller, 1957-59.

14 Kipling Gardens, Crownhill, Plymouth, Devon. August 29.

Rural rides

From Mr A. T. Bateman

Sir, Ironically in your Weekend supplement (August 30) you juxtaposed an article on traffic problems in national parks with a "rural recommendation" to visit the church at Wasdale Head, Cumbria,

Wasdale is one of the most spectacu-

lar and rugged valleys in the Lake District, accessible only by a narrow cul-de-sac road or mountain footpath. There is no public transport to the head of the valley; surely thus a prime candidate for a "park and ride" route.

Yours faithfully, ALAN BATEMAN. Rowan House, Tallentire, Cockermouth, Cumbria.

Waiting to read

From Dr T. H. Hughes-Davies Sir, Poor readers can be recognised at

six or seven. To give them individual coaching only after four unhappy and wasted years ("£1m pledge gives boost to literacy scheme", August 29) is not only cruel but is economic nonsense. Yours sincerely.

created small wealthy elites in a sea of

poverty, and no wonder the compe-

tition between different cultural

groups to control these privileges is so

intense. Such competition occurred in

Europe's history several centuries

ago. Many African leaders appear

mild against the authoritarian ten-

alleviate Africa's suffering through

capital transfers, except perhaps to

meet the costs of large-scale infra-

structure projects and agricultural

research. However, large develop-

ment projects heighten the com-

petition of local elites to control the

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dencies of Henry VIII.

### Metric rain

From Mr Nicholas Forwood, QC

Sir, Michael Hubble asks (letter, September 2) that the Meteorological Office gives rainfall figures in litres per square metre rather than in inches or millimetres.

It may help Mr Hubble to know that one millimetre of rainfall corresponds precisely to one litre of rain per square metre. It should not therefore be too difficult for him to convert from the familiar and logical units of measurement, understood by most of us, to those he prefers.

Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS FORWOOD, Brick Court Chambers. Avenue D'Auderghem 36. B-1040 Brussels. September 3.

From Mr Victor Ferguson Sir, Mr Hubble would not be consid

ered daft if he were to order a yard of ale in any pub in England. However, an order for only six inches might cast some doubt on his

Yours faithfully, VICTOR FERGUSON, Hockett End, Cookham Dean, Berkshire. September 2.

state. Rather, while Africa is making the massive cultural adjustments demanded of it by contemporary global realities, the focus should be on promoting local debate around spiritual and social values. For this, and

initiatives, non-governmental organ-

isations are better equipped than

Today the West cannot do much to large multilateral donors. Africa needs the West today primarily as friends not as bankers, and certainly not as masters.

> Yours truly. MICHAEL SCHLUTER (Research Director), Newick Park Initiative (for Conciliation in Africa). Relationships Foundation, 3 Hooper Street, Cambridge. September 1.

### Murky view from these Windows

From Mr Colin Clegg

Sir, We should give a round of applause to Anatole Kaletsky for suggesting that it is now "Time to clean the Windows" (article, August 26). I look forward to more innovation arising out of the perpetual computer revolution with an increasing sense of apprehension and dread.

The present level of development in computer technology, particularly in word and number crunching and graphics, is adequate for the needs of most people and small businesses, What we long for now is consolidation, making existing features more compatible with each other and reliable, and honefully the establishment of industrial standards and a rode of practice; in short an end to commercial anarchy.

Yours faithfully, Stone Lodge, Spook Hill, North Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey. August 26.

From Sir Martin Berthoud

Sir. What hope is there for ordinary mortals like us if someone of the luminous intelligence and computer-literacy of Anatole Kalctsky gets lost among the fiendish labyrinths of the computer systems devised by Bill Gates of Microsoft and others? He suggests that we are still in the steam age of computers: I would say the

It is particularly aggravating for home users of PCs that we have to pay through the nose for equipment which is to a massive degree more sophis-ticated than we need for simple purposes like writing letters to The Times or keeping accounts. All that many of us want is a somewhat glorified typewriter with a decent screen and a

Come back Alan Sugar, all is forgivent Where is your updated. much improved £500 Amstrad?

Yours faithfully, MARTIN BERTHOUD. Gillyflower, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk. August 28.

From Dr Tony Harris

Sir. It is not difficult to sympathise with Anatole Kaletsky's call to "clean the Windows". To an experienced and skilled user who does not want to become a full-time boffin or nerd. Windows 95 can be infuriating - it lacks the reliability and simplicity of the pre-Windows PC operating systems or even of earlier versions of Windows.

However, in one respect Mr Kaletsky is wrong. Word processing and spread-sheet analysis programmes work much better than they did ten years ago, and the addition of graphics has been a significant enhancement. Modern users of this software can be hugely more productive as a result.

Yours faithfully. TONY HARRIS (Managing Director). SBW Insurance Research Limited. Dashwood House. 69 Old Broad Street, EC2.

From Mr Eric Jacobs

Sir, All power to Anatole Kaletsky's campaign of resistance to Bill Gates. On the Windows 95 principal wordprocessing programme, WordPad, it is impossible to create a double space between lines of type - an elementary facility which has been available on the meanest of manual typewriters for decades. To double-space my documents on

Windows 95, it seems I shall have to buy yet another mightily expensive software package. Which is why I am writing this, double-spaced, on my old

Yours sincerely, ERIC JACOBS, 5a Dickenson Road, Hornsey, N8. August 26.

From Mr Nick Byatt

Sir. I am surprised at Anatole's problem with Mr Bill Gates. His solution is simple, buy an Apple. After all, Yours faithfully,

NICK BYATT. 4 Ruffs Furze, Oakley, Bedford. August 20.

Mightier than the pen

From Mr Michael J. Stower

Sir, On our recent family holiday our children were only exchanging e-mail addresses with new-found triends. A sign of the times? Yours faithfully,

M. J. STOWER, Bramble End, Derwent Lane, Dunnington, York. michael.stower@lineone.net for small, targeted local development

### Pet weight

From Mr Haward Toon

Sir, I note Dr Thomas Stuttaford's report (Body and Mind, September 4) that Britain now has the fattest dogs in the European Union. Do we not also have the fattest cats?

Yours sincerely, HOWARD TOON, 5 Laburnum Close, Hathern, Loughbarough, Leicestershire, September 4.

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### **SOCIAL NEWS**

### Birthdays today

Dr Aileen Adams, anaesthetist, 74: Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, bl; Mr Malcolm Allison, football 61; Mr Matcolm Alissort, totobau manager, 60; Mr Christopher Beazley, former MEP, 45; Miss Meg Beresford, former general secretary, CND, 60; Mr David Brabham, racing driver, 32; Vis-count Chilston, 51; Mr Dick Clement, scriptwriter, 60: Major General G.O. Cowan, former president, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 58; Mr R.J. Dunn, executive director, News International TV, 54; Miss Tracy Edwards, yachtswoman, 35; Sir Robin Fearn, diplomat, 63; Dr David Fussey, Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University, 54: Mr David Graham, former Chief Constable, Cheshire, 64; Dame Elizabeth Hedley-Miller, civil servant 74; Professor Julian Hunt, FRS. former chief executive, Meteo-rological Office. 56: Sir Francis Loyd, former colonial officer, 81: Mr Kevin McNamara, MP. 63; Mrs Doreen Massey, former director, Family Planning Association. 59: Lord Justice Mummery. 59: Canon Lord Pilkington of Oxenford, former chairman. Broadcasting Complaints Com-mission, 64: Miss Jean Rankine. deputy director, British Museum 56: Mr G.W. Tremlett, author, 58: Sir Denys Wilkinson, FRS, former

### Captain Dick Ker

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dick Ker will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Bar-racks, Birdcage Walk, London SWI, on Thursday, October 9, at

### The Army Benevolent Fund

Major General G.M.G. Swindells retired as Controller of the Army Benevolent Fund on September 4, 1997, and has been succeeded by Major General M.D. Regan.

### Lectures

English-Speaking Union Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, delivered the sixth English-Speaking Union lecture on Furthering International Understanding in the Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office yesterday. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman, presided, and, with Mr Andrew Gowers of the Financial Times, received the guests at a reception held later. Sir Geoffrey Pattle also

Sternberg Centre for Judaism Dr Ron Kronish, Director of the Inter-religious Co-ordinating Council in Israel spoke on "Inter religious Relations in Israel" yesterday at the Sternberg Centre. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided.

### Service reunion

Royal Garhwal Rifles Officers'

Major Sir Michael Parsons, President of the Royal Garhwal Rifles Officers' Association, presided at a reunion held yesterday at Admiralty House, Northwood, by permission of Admiral Sir Peter Abbott. Commander-in-Chief Fleet. Brigadier A.S. Dhillon, Colonel of the Regiment in India, the Garhwal Rifles and Garhwal Scouts, was the principal guest.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr A.C. Jackson and Miss H.P.M. Wardell

between Antony, elder son of the late Mr Leonard Jackson and of Mrs John Gough, of Moore Lodge, Newry, Co Down, and Henrietta, younger daughter of Mr Timothy Wardell, of Callian, France, and Lady Antonia Beckwith, of Kirklington, North Yorkshire.

Mr E.C. Davison and Miss K.H.J. Thompson The engagement is announced between Edwin, son of Mr and

Mr A.H.T. Patterini

Mrs Eric Davison, of Aspley Guise. Bedfordshire, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Thompson, of Holyport, Berkshire.

and Miss M.T. Bolls The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs Hugh Fattorini, of Skipton, North Yorkshire, and Teresa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Antonio Bolla, of Verona, Italy, Mr J.A. Feddman and Miss S.N. Pither The engagement is announced between James, son of Tony and

Lynda Feldman, of Regent's Park, London, and Sarah, daughter of Roly and Fiona Pither, of Mount

Eliza, Victoria, Australia.

Dr M.F. Foley
and Miss G. Amooty
The engagement is announced
between Martin, eldest son of
Mr and Mrs John Foley, and
Geraldine, youngest daughter of
Mr and Mrs Thomas Amooty.

Mr C.D. Nowell and Miss G. Özen

The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr John Newell, of Belfast, and of Mirs Ellayne Newell, of Birkdale, Merseyside, and Gamze, daughter of Mr Osman Nuri Özen and of Mrs Müjgan Kiliç, both of Ankara, Turkey.

Mr R.W.O. Price and Miss C. Hopkin The engagement is announced between Rhodri, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Gareth Orpwood Price, of Sulhamstead Abbuts, Berkshire, and Claire, daughter of Judge John Hopkin, DL, and Mrs

Hopkin, of Nottinghamshire.

### **Marriages**

Mansfield,

Mr T.V. Magee and Miss L.C.L. Smith-Gordon The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 30, at The Orangery, Holland Park, London W8, of Mr Thomas Magee, youngest son of Mr Hugh F. Magee, of Santa Rosa, California, USA, and Mrs Jack Smith, of Grants Pass, Oregon, USA, and Miss Isobel Smith-Gordon, only daughter of Sir Eldred and Lady Smith-

Gordon, of London SW10.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alexandra Borwick and Sanjana and Helena Roy Magee. Mr Varinder Aggarwal was best man.

A reception was held at The honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr A.V. Schenbu

and Miss W.J. Rob The marriage took place at the Church of Broom, Newton Mearns, on Saturday, August 30, 1997, of Mr Adriano Schenini, son of Mr and Mrs Sandro Schenini, of Finchley, London, to Miss Wendy Robertson, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain Robertson, of Whitecraigs, Glasgow. The James Whyte officiated.

Mr P.R. de Wesselow and Min LS.R. Middleson

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 30, at St Andrew's Church, Bolam, of Mr Peter de Wesselow, youngest son of Mr lan de Wesselow and the late Mrs de Wesselow, of Shurlack Row, Berkshire, and Miss Laura Middleton, daughter of Mr Harry Middleton, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Mrs Jenifer Middleton, of Chelsea, London Conner Berkshire, and Chelsea, London, Canon Revett officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Georgia and Freddle Oakley, Isobel and Rosie Oakley, Isobel and Kosse Whitcombe, Alice Nesve, Wills Hilditch, Rose Bralthwalte, Max

Angus Cameron and Mr Julian Pertwee were joint best men. A reception was held at Belsay Castle and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

George Judd,

### Legal appointment

Mr Nicholas William Bragge to be a Master of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, from Septem-

and Miss A. Stormonth Darling The engagement is announced between Jan Kurt, son of Walter Johannes and the late Marguerite Johannes, of Elma, Washington, United States, and Arabella, daughter of Peter Stormonth Darling, of Swan Walk, London, and Candis Roberts, and stepdaughter of John Roberts, of Burleigh House, Bladon.

Mr M.P. Shaw and Miss J.J. Cleanes

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Commander V.J. Shaw, RN, retd, and Mrs J.M. Shaw, both of Bath, and Julienne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George E. Charles, of Hartest, Suffolk.

and Miss C. Darling

The engagement is announced between Philip Milburn, only son of Mrs Muriel Shorey and the late Robert Shorey, of Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Darling, of Oakwood, Hexham,

Captain R.C. Taylor and Miss A.A.B. Graves

The engagement is announced between Captain Richard Taylor, The Life Guards, son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Taylor, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.E. Graves, of Canon Frome,

Mr D.J. Twiddle

and Miss A.C. Fletcher The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Twiddle, Knapton Hall, North Yorkshire. and Annabel, daughter of Mr Robert L. Fletcher, of Bridlington, and Ann Fletcher, of Burton Fleming, East Yorkshire.

and Miss A.A. Kealy

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Matthew Spencer Vine, The Royal Irish Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Vine, of Chester, and Alice Anne, eldest daughter of the late Major Michael Kealy, DSO, and of Mrs Arthur Denaro, and stepdaughter of Major-General Arthur Denaro, CBE.

### Church news Anniversaries BIRTHS: Louis XIV. King of

These Ceylon Jungle Fowl form one of 24 paintings of pheasants by Timothy

Greenwood which appear in volume 1 of The Atlas of Rare Pheasants by Keith

Howman, president-elect of the World Pheasant Association, to be published

next month by Palawan Press. The company was founded by Simon Draper, a

cousin of Richard Branson, and is named after the Palawan Peacock Pheasant.

found on the Philippine island of Palawan. Mr Draper breeds ornamental

pheasants at his home on the South Downs

Appointments

France 1643-1715, St Germain-en-Laye, 1638; Johann Christian Bach, composer, Leipzig, 1735; Robert Fergusson, poet, Edinburgh, 1780; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Tasdorf, Germany, 1791; John Wisden, cricketer and founder of the cricket annual bearing his drew (Winchester). The Rev Dr Jane Tillier, Associate name, Brighton, 1826; Victorien Minister, Fradswell, Gayton, Milwich and Weston on Trent Sardou, dramatist, Paris, 1831; Jesse James, outlaw, Clay County, (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-Charge. Missouri, 1847; Arthur Koestler Madeley (same dlocese). novelist and critic, Budapest, 1905; Russell Harty, broadcaster, Black-

burn, 1934; Freddie Mercury, singer and songwriter, Zanzibar, 1946. DEATHS: Edmund Bonner, Bishop of London 1539-49 and 1553-59, Marshalsea Prison, London, 1569; John Home, dramatist, Edioburgh, 1808; William McGillivray, naturalist. Aberdeen, 1852; Auguste Comte, philosopher, founder of Positivism. Paris, 1857; Charles Peguy, poet, Valleroy, France 1914: Sir Douglas Bader,

fighter pilot, London, 1982. in Philadelphia, 1774.

French troops occupying Malta surrendered to the British, 1900. William McKinlay, 25th American President 1897-1901, was shot in Buffalo, New York, and died on September 14, 1901. Arab terrorists killed II Israelis at

the Olympic Games, Munich, 1972.

Vicar, Upper Holme Valley (Wakefield) to retire November 2. The Rev Michael Hawes, Rector, The Rev Michael Taylor, Vicar, Liansantffraed and Lianbadam Trefegiwys and Lianrhystud (St Davids, Church of Wales): to be Priest-in-Charge, Jersey St An-

The Rev Charles Wells. Rector, East and West Horndon w Little Warley and Childerditch (Chelms-

ford): to be Priest-in-Charge. Tillingham in plurality with Dengie w Ashekham (same The Rev David Wilson, Vicar, Spring Grove St Mary (London): to

be also Area Dean of Hounslow (same diocese) The Rev Michael Wright, NSM Assistant Curate, West Acklam St Mary (York): has been appointed part-time Chaplain, Butterwick Hospice. Stockton-on-Tees and

South Durham Hospice, Bishop

Auckland (Durham).

Retirements and resignations The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Rector, Hendon St Ignatius (Durham) resigned on health grounds from August 12 The Rev Anthony Dawkins, Vicar, Felkirk w Brierley (Wakefield) to

The Rev Leslie Greenwood, Team

Newnham w Nately Scures w Mapledurwell w Up Nately w Greywell (Winchester) to retire The Rev Angela Mann. Curate. Marlborough St Many the Virgin (Salisbury) resigned August 31, with permission to officiate (same

The Rev John Masding, Vicar, Hamstead St Paul (Birmingham) to redre September 10. The Rev Gordon McKibbin, Vicar,

Great Sankey (Liverpool) to retire October 12. The Rev Kelvin Randall, Vicar. Bournemouth St John w St Michael (Winchester) resigned: to be earch Fellow at the Centre for

Theology and Education, Univer-sity of Wales, while completing a The Rev Kathleen Reale, Priest-In-(Carlisle) to retire October 31. The Rev Angela Walford, Assistant Curate. Boyatt Wood (Winchester)

to retire October 31. The Rev David Walford, Vicar, Boyatt Wood (Winchester) to retire October 31.

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Other appointments Sister Fiona Fisher CA. Project Worker, Danescourt House Young Homeless Project, Pontcanna (Car-

Officer (Gloucester),

### School announcements

Arnold School, Blackpool The term began on September and will end on December 18, 1997. Lisa Bannister is Head Girl and Alexander Rawlinson is Head Boy. Captain of Rugby and Captain of Cricket Mr Bill Beaumont, OBE. Mrs Alison Jack, Cert Ed, and Mr G. Wooding, BSc, CEng, FRAeS, and Mr M. Muschamp, FCA, have joined the Governing Body. New academic staff appointments in-clude Mr Michael Salmon, BSc Eng. Head of the Design Centre. and Miss Emma Brown, BA, MA, Director of Drama. This term's events include: Speech Day to be held at the Empress Ballroom. Winter Gardens, on September 25 with the Very Rev Ken Riley. Dean of Manchester, as the Guest of Honour: Reception for new parents on October 1; the Arnold Music Society Recital by the Arensky Trio on October 12: CCF Field Day on October 17: Autumn Term Dinner Dance on October 17; GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening on October 21; the School Concert on November 12: Open Evenings on November 17 and 18; Oxbridge Parents Evening on November 26; Old Arnoldians Annual Dinner on December 6; Evensong at Blackburn Cathedral with the Girls Choir on December 6; School Play The Winter's Tale

on December 10, 11, 12; Parents' Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church on December 14: Junior School Carol Service on December 16; School Carol Service on Decemher IS: Sixth Form Christmas Ball on December 18. During Half Term (October 26-31) the Upper Sixth Geography Field Course will take place in The Netherlands and a group of Historians will visit the First World War Battlefields.

Arnold School, Blackpool, is a regis-tered charity which exists for the edu-cation of children. Charity No 526679. Berkhamsted Collegiate School The Michaelmas Term begins today and finishes on December IS. Nnamdi Udezue (Recves) is Head Boy and Amy Grundy (Burgh) is Head Ghri. Jill Barnard (Ashby). Oliver Manhews (Churchill) and Helen Simons (Nash) are Deputies. Prizegiving takes place on October 9, and the Chief Guest and Speaker will be Lord Northbourne. The Founder's Day Service will be held on October 17 at 11.00am in St Peier's and the address will be given by Canon Arthur Peacocke. The School Carol Service will be held in St Peter's on December 14 at 7.30pm and Certificate Evening on December 15 at 8,00pm. There will be an Open Afternoon for prosp Open Afternoon for prospective pupils and parents on Friday, September 26, from 2.00pm. For further details please telephone 01442 863236 or 862168.

Blundell's School Term began on September 3 with 460 pupils in the school. Mr R.N. Swarbrick has retired as Second Master and has been succeeded by Mr R.W. Thane. Mr AJ. Deighton-Gibson has become Housemaster of Milestones. The Heads of School are AJ. Geikie [P] and M.T. Hardick (GH). The Rugby XV has recently returned from a hugely successful tour of Australia and New Zealand and is captained by M. Seager (FH). The School Play Trains to Moscow takes place from November 24-29 at 7.30pm in Ondaatje Hall. The Choir will tour in the Czech Republic straight after the end of term which concludes with the Carol Service on Friday. Decem ber 12. There will be an Open Morning at 10.00am on Saturday September 13, and those who would like further details are asked to contact the Registrar on 01884 252543. Dean Clove School

Michaelmas Term began yesterday with Kerrin Masterman as Head of School and Eleanor Rankin and Justin Forbes as his

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputies. Mrs Vivien Burroughs becomes the new Housemistress of Fawley and Mrs Julie Kent that of Mead. There will be Open Days on September 20 and November 15 and the Entrance Scholarship and the Entrance Scholarship Examinations for the Sixth form on November 17/18. The New Music School will be opened by Prince Michael of Kent the weekend of November 8/9 when there will be a Gala Concert and Evensong with the return of many Decanian musicians. The Douglas Graham Memorial Lecture will be oranam memorial recuire win be given by Mr A.C. Eales-White, OBE, OD, on October 21. The Junior Drama Group play The Real Inspector Hound is on November 28/29 and the Advent Concert on December 5/6. Term will conclude with Carols by Candlelight on December 9.

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Queen Anne's School, Caversham Term started on Wednesday, September 3, and finishes with the Carol Services on Tuesday, December 10. Open Day is on Saturday. September 20. All Old Girls and friends of the school are welcome at the triennial service at Westminster Abbey on Friday, October 24. The preacher will be the Dean of Westminster. Please apply to the school for tickets. Queen's Gate School,

London SW7 The Autumn Term began on Thursday, September 4. Head Girls for the year are Olivia Lamb.

Jaini Patel and Louise Wilkinson.
Open Evenings for II+ candidates and their parents for entry in September 1998 will be held on Wednesday, October 29, and Thursday, October 30, at 6.30pm. Half term is from Monday, Octo-ber 20, to Friday, October 24. The Carol Service will be held at St Augustine's Church, Queen's Gate, on Thursday, December II. at 2.30pm and term ends on Friday, December 12.

St Mary's School Ascot The Trustees and Governors of St Mary's School Ascot are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Mary Breen, MSc. BSc, as Headmistress in succession to Sister Frances Orchard, IBVM. Mrs Breen is currently head of the physics department at Eton Coliege. Mrs Breen will be on sabbarical for the Michaelmas term 1998. and will assume office in January 1909.

Wycitffe College

Wycliffe opens the new academic year on September 8 with a record 775 students. On September 9 WCJS New Dining Hall opens. The new Art School opens September 10; new CCF HQ opens September 30; the 4th new Hall of Residence foundation stone will be laid on October 18. On November 2. Dr Tony Collins, Headmaster Designate (April 1998), will meet parents. WCJS new Performing Arts Centre opens November 15. Term ends Sunday, December 14.

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Wycombe Abbey School The Autumn Term at Wycombe Abbey School started on Wednesday, September 3. The Confirmation Serseptember 3. The Communication Service will be taken by the Bishop of Buckingham on Sunday, November 2, at 3,00pm in All Saints' Parish Church. The Seniors' Carol Service will be at 6,00pm on Sunday, December 7: tea for Seniors will be served at 4.30pm in Big School. The Senior Association Armusi General Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on phen's Constitutional Club. Queen Anne's Gate. London SWI. This will be followed by a Cocktail Party at 7.00pm. Applications from external candidates for places in the Sixth Form in September 1998 should be made now to the Academic Registrar. Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe HPII IPE Applications for Junior School Scholarships in 1998 should be made to the Academic Registrar by December 4, 1997. Wycombe Abbey School (Charity No. 310538) promotes the education of girls.

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ABI ANTUM - On 3rd September 1997 at St George's Hospital, Beirut, to Denise and William, 8 son, ANDERSON - On August 27th 1997, to Elizabeth Biron and Mark Anderson

BENSON - On 22nd Angust 1997 at Button-on-Trent, to Alison (nee Hargusaves) and Stephen Benson, a son, Harry Bentanth Tudox.

BROWN - On September 2nd, to Jennifer Quirk and Nicholas, a daughter, Emma Persephone, a sister for

AVESON - On August 18th, to Johnna (née Younger) and John, a daughter, Lucy Harriet Alice, a sister for

in Viersen, Germany, to John and Julie, a son, Jack Devlin. REATES - On 22nd August at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Mirenda (ase Sheridan) and Nigel, a son, Oliver Thomas, a brother for

OWELL - On August 26th at The Fortland Hospital, to Adrienne (née Rosen) and Robin, a son, Theodore Hazry Barrington. A brother for Frederick and Barnaby.

Vicky Bennett of Dmitwich Spa, Words, take great pleasure to announce the pleasure to announce the marriage of their daughter, Alexie, to Desire Starr, son of Dave and Margaret of Ewbridge orth Heats The ceremony took place on 23rd August 1997 at the church of Great St Mary in Ewbridgeworth, Bern.

DEATHS

Chester, formerly of Wickensley, South Yorkshire, very peacefully in hospital on Wednesday 3rd September 1997 in his 91st year. Much loved and respected by all his fandly, that Dear Octopus. Fomenal strictly private at his request. Enquiries to Datton & Bulleact 01144-310966.

BLOUNT - Prederick Joseph em September 4th 1997 peacsfully in hospital, Fortified by the Rites of Holy Mother Church and formenly of Crumpeall 'Our Lady of Walsingham pay for him'. Beloved husband of Philomens (née Cunningham) and a very dear brother-in-law and uncle who will be sadly missed. Evening reception will be at 7 pm on Wednesday September 10th at St Annes Church, Crumpeall for Regulam Mass at 10 am on Thursday prior to interment at Blackley Cometery. Enquiries Spans Family Funeral Service, tel (0161) 740 4237.

BROOKS - David Michael M.C.
M.A. Oxon. Aged 73. Beloved
husband of Patricia and
father of Peter and David
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peacefully aged 92 years at The Prince Michael of Kent Court, Warford, on August 21st. Funcal to be held at Warford, Grumatorium at Manford, Grumatorium at

de SUBSH SEREY - Benjamin Francis Falmer, beloved father of Anna Hise and Elizabeth joy, at home om 3rd September aged 81 rest. Timbaging Smiles at All Ssints, Brill, at 11.30am on Wednesdry 10th September. No flowers please but donations if desired to imperial Cancer Research Fund, 61 Lincolns Em Fields, WC2A 3FZ.

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FARROW - Peacefully on Angust 31st and 5. Durald Cordon Farrow OSE was formerly Chief Education Officer, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Loved and respected by all the family-his late wife Phyllis, doughter Susan, son-in-law Feter, grandchildren Vichy and The and nephews Lewis, David and Bohm, Service at Gorleston Crematorius, Monday 8th September at 12 moon. Flowers to A Jary and Sons., 43 High Street, Gonieston (01493 662389).

GRSOE - Audrey Mary Humble - Sister Mary Veronica, Pencerully at St Catherine's House, 23 Kensington Square, London on 3rd September, 1997. Requiem Mass in the Convent Chapel, 2 pm Monday 8th September.

GOSLETT - Graham Johnston adored husband of Jean, die peacefully on Angust 25th. private funeral has take phos. Please - No Letters.

GREY - John Robin on September 2nd 1997 aged 73 years. Dear husband of Ann and father of Minands and Louise, grandfather to Emily, Damien and Jamis. Funeral Service at Funeral Service at Malmesbury Abbey on Wednesday September 10th at 1.30 pm. Flowers and magnitis to H & Charthewa 7 Burnham &oad, Malmesbury, Wilts. SNI6 0BQ, tel: (01666) 322216.

HAYES - On September 2nd 1997, peacefully at his home in Staverton, John Douglas, Instead of the late Exthleen Mary. Nuch loved father of Pepi and Nick, loving mandfather of Nicky, Eaty, Sophie and Phoebe, great-grandfather of Charile, Tort, Hugh and Jeke. Cremation Private A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Staverton, on

at the Church of St Many the Virgin, Staverton, on Thursday September 11th at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations for The Injured Jockey's Fund may be sent to John White Funeral Directors, 188/190 Watting Street East, Towcester, Northanna, NNTI2 6DB, tel: (01327) 359266.

HOLDSWORTH - Harold Holdsworth OBE, Librarian extrordinaire. On 31st August 1997, aged 84.

HOME - On 2nd September peacefully at Buddeigh Saltwine Heapital, Roger of Yshvar, Yettington. Yery much loved, Sevice 2.30 pm Monday September 8th, Biert Budleigh Church, followed by private committal at Exeter Crematorium. Enquiries Palmers Funeral Directors, (01395) 442252.

RNG-On September 3rd 1997 at Joseph Weld Hospics, Donchester, peacefully after a long illness, Dr. Denis Walter King of Norten-sub-Hamdon, Somerset and formerly of Cleygras, Sonsy aged 76 years. Dearest husband of Jean, wonderful father of Nicholas and Rochey and grandather of William, Klara, Sarah and Sophie, Penscal service at Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday, Penscal service at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished for Joseph Weld Hospice c/o Grassby Funderal Service, 16 Princes Street, Donchester

LUARD - Binkle, (Irene Lacille). On 3rd September 1997, died peacefully at King Edward Hospital, Midhurst, aged 86. Beloved widow of Jim and nuch Loved by John, Patrick, Roger and Inne. Service at Chichester Crematorhum, on Chichester Committeehum, on Tuesday 9th September at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only Constitute if desired to Diama, Princess of Wales Mannocial Fund, Kensington

MASSEY - Hart Parkin Vincent. Suddenly, on September 2nd 1997 at his home in Canton, Ontario, in his 80th year, beloved of Melodie, his wife, and of his children, Caroline and Jonathan at his request, there will be no service. Auxogeoments in care of The Ross Funeral Chappel, 135 Walton St., Port Hope, Ontake.

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MORTHMEN - John Douglas

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GREILY - Philip, Major Irish Guarda, aged 51. Died peacefully and in the care of his family on 2nd September, following a short but commerces ficht australia his family on 2nd September, following a short but coungeous fight against cancer. Funcal on the 9th September at 12 noon at Soherquill Church, ar. Rathowen, Co. Westmeath. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care clo Emp & Stevens, 93 fligh Street, Alton, Hants. Memorial Service to be announced at a larer data.

\$ALHON - Thomas David died peacefully on 2nd September aged 50. Much loved bushand of Pat and father of Susan, Caroline and Tom. Funeral Service 11am, Wednesday 10th September, St Nicholas Church, Great Bookham. Flowers to L. Hawkins & Sons, Highlands Ecoad, Leatherhead, or dessitions to Camour Research.

suidenly but peacefully or Angust 30th 1997 at The John Radcliffe Hospital to at Machines, 64 2 Clea, Oxford, on Soprember 17th 1997 at 11:30 cm, followed by interment at St Mary's Church, Wappenham, Northants, at 2:30 pm. Simple flowers only or countions a World Windles Fund c/o A.W. Bruce, 29 Rooms Streat, Surveyage.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SPENCER - Ronald John. Beloved husband of Mollis and father of Michael John, 30th Angust 1997, aged 91. Amerikam Crematorium, September 8th, 1pm. No flowers, donations ESPR. TAYLOR - Harry Charles Sallie of Corbridge, Morthumberland, formerly of Hayes, Kent, on 2nd September aged 88 years. Beloved humband of Hobel, much loved father of Valenie and Marginet. Service and cremation to take place at Mountsett Crematorium, Dipton. Co. Durham on

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### **OBITUARIES**

### GILBERT JAMES KELLAND

Gilbert James Kelland. CBE, QPM, former Assistant Commissioner (Crime) of New Scotland Yard, died in Henfield, Sussex, on August 30 aged 73, He was born on March 17, 1924.

AS TRULY one of the most remarkable policemen of his generation, Jim Kelland had such transparent honesty and plegrity when dealing with urky and salacious aspects of crime and vice that any unworthy proposal made in his presence seemed to wither and die almost at once. An unforgiving glance was sufficient to silence any such suggestion. His personal virtnes enabled him not only to bring to justice many repellent criminals, but to reform some of the most potentially com-promising of police opera-tions, and to investigate and prosecute corruption when he found it within the service. Gilbert James Kelland was

at Georgeham Church School and Braunton Secondary Modern. He was of sturdy West Country origin, and like many Devon men in wartime, he volunteered for the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He saw active service principally on aircraft car-riers in the Pacific war, but spoke of his extensive war experiences so rarely that one sensed they had involved considerable hardship. He was an unashamed patriot of the old school. On his return to civilian life, he joined the Metropolitan Police at the age

After the destruction and trauma of the 1958 race riots in Notting Dale, he immediately took charge of the Notting Hill police and his commanding presence, immaculate appearance, humane and fearless enforcement of the criminal law, without fear, favour or prejudice, rapidly brought calm tolerance to an area

previously considered as unstable as a gunpowder keg. The reputation Kelland secured at Notting Hill facilitated his rapid rise through the ranks. He was soon a commander in the East End of London, and subsequently ap-pointed commander of Britain's busiest police area, West

End Central.

As a deputy assistant commissioner, he was selected by Sir Robert Mark, the Commissioner, to inquire into allegations that police were corrupt in the enforcement of the pornography laws, particular-ly in Soho, Sir Robert did not seem to think there was much serious corruption, for in his 1973 Dimbleby Lecture, he said: There have even been suggestions that pornographers buy immunity by corrupting the police. This would be a most unbusinesslike thing to do. It's far cheaper to pay the fine than to incur the expense and risk of trying to bribe a policeman," Unfortunately, his assessment was a rare inaccuracy.

Subsequently, the work of Kelland and his special team investigators enabled Merlyn Rees, then Home Secretary, to report to Parliament in July 1977 that 74 officers had been investigated, ranging from constable to commander, that 15 had been prosecuted and 13 had been imprisoned. Kelland had brought about this remarkable result without rancour or any unseemly congratulation.

At the age of 53, after 31

years of demanding and varied police service all over London, he was given the job of assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard, and put in command of its criminal investigation department, in those days this included control of every territorial detective serving in London, as well as Special Branch, the Anti-Terrorist Branch, the Fraud and Flying Squads. Not since the days of Lord Trenchard had so many effective and



necessary reforms been initiated and made to work.

Radical changes were effected in the gathering of intelligence about organised crime. domestic and international. Scientific procedures were standardised, and detailed manuals were prepared and authorised. The use of informers in criminal investigations - always a difficult area, particularly concerning armed and violent of criminals. robbery of banks and post "Experience tells me that expediency is rarely expedient." offices - was made effective said Kelland wisely. thanks to Kelland's determination to see that genuine informers were protected and received proper rewards.

During his period in charge of London's detectives he superintended innumerable murder and terrorist investigations, inquiries into kidnapping and assassinations, whether motivated by politics or pure criminal greed. Kidnapping was the subject of detailed, scientific investigation, and a manual was introduced and strictly enforced.

Kelland concentrated the work of the Flying Squad on armed robbery investigations, which in turn led to great successes against South London criminal families specialising in such crimes. Kelland also understood and practised the art of delegation, winning the loyalty and indeed the devotion of his officers. He always recognised merit in others, and supported his detectives even if they had made serious mistakes, pro-vided they had acted with good intentions. But he was implacable against corrupt policemen. Not without humour, he once said to one of his deputies - who was com-plaining of an increasingly defective memory - Losing your memory is bad enough, but remembering things that never happened is worse." Kelland was also a distin-

guished sportsman, having been well known as a track athlete. He was chairman of the Metropolitan Police Athletic Club for twenty years, and in 1988 he served on the Amateur Athletic Associa-tion's committee of inquiry into drug abuse.

He was appointed CBE in 1978, having been awarded the Queen's Medal five years before. In 1983 he was given the freedom of the City of London. His autobiography, Crime in London (1986), was a considerable publishing success.

Kelland served seven commissioners, showing through-out an unsurpassed example of zeal for the public good, together with spotless personal integrity. He possessed great clarity of mind in criminal investigations and prosecutions, moved always by a steely sense of fairness to all, including even the most depraved

He is survived by his wife, Edith, and by their two daughters.

### JULIAN SANDYS

Julian Sandys, QC, died of cancer on August 15 aged 60. He was born in London on September 19, 1936.

THE THREE strands of Julian Sandys's life were politics, law and his family. That he should be keenly interested in politics was inevitable, for he was the son of Lord Duncan-Sandys and the grandson of Sir Winston Churchill. At the age of eight he stood at his grandfather's side while the great man addressed the crowd on VE-Day. Sandys also named the locomotive Winston Churchill which would later carry Churchill to his final resting place at

After Eton, Sandys then spent a year at Salem, after which he completed his National Service. He remained with the 4th Hussars as a Territorial Army reservist, and his loyalty to his regiment was unshakeable until the end of his life. He even tried to sign up for the Falklands conflict in 1982, and was disappointed to be told he was too old.

Following a year in Austra-lia at the University of Melbourne, Sandys simultaneous-ly completed the Bar examinations and entered the political arena, He unsuccessfully contested the rock-solid Labour constituency of Ashfield at the 1959 general election, and was called to the Bar that year as a member of the Inner Temple. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1983, in recent years it was business that occupied his time, as he became involved in a number of diverse ventures.

In everything he did, he was notable for careful preparation and thoroughness. When he was at Eton, Churchill wrote to him urging the importance of history, "because knowledge of the past is the only way of helping us make guesses at the future". It was advice that Sandys took to heart, and in conversation he frequently spoke of the importance of the long perspective. Outside his career, Sandys took great pleasure in flying small aeroplanes. He obtained his private pilot's licence in 1964, and shortly afterwards was making adventurous trips abroad in his own plane.

He was also passionate about computers, and over the years avidly learnt programming languages in order to be able to write his own programs. He was well read and loved poetry (being able to



recite huge chunks of Kipling and Milton) and was a devotee of the Times Crossword to the last days of his life

Throughout his life he was essentially a private person, shy and caring, and he never sought to take advantage of his family background. He was deeply loyal to his friends. without ever delving into intimate details of their lives. He abhorred gossip or prurient interest in the activities of others. He will be remembered for the good humour and cheerfulness he brought to life, even through his illness, behaving always with stoical decorum. He saw his struggle in military terms, and said to a friend: "I regard this as a war - not a nice scientific experiment!" Apart from the love and support of his family, he was sustained by his firm Christian convictions. His marriage to Elisabeth Martin in 1970 brought him much happiness. He is survived by her and their four children.

### YEVGENI GIPPENREITER

Dr Yevgeni Gippenreiter. Soviet Master of Sport in mountaineering, and high altitude, space and sports physiologist, died in Moscow on August 6, aged 70. He was born in

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BRITISH mountaineers who climbed in the Caucasus in 1958 and the Pamirs in 1962 remain grateful to Yevgeni Gippenreiter for his role as an official in the Soviet Central Sports Council in helping to secure them permission from the authorities of the Bulganin-Khrushchev era, and lor maintaining cordial links with British mountaineers during the Cold War. He was elected an honorary member of Britain's Alpine Club in 1984.

Gippenseiter was remarkably successful at dealing with Soviet bureaucracy. As a fluent English speaker, he accompanied Soviet sporting teams abroad in the 1950s as their interpreter, and in 1956 with Eugene Beletski, to give an account of Russian mountaineering. Lord Hunt, who had previously been invited to Moscow to lecture on the first ascent of Everest, was keen to develop these informal contacts. He travelled with them on the overnight sleeper to Glasgow, and the three of them sat talking about mountains into the early hours, his guests replenishing their tooth mugs with vodka and spooning caviare with the handles of their toothbrushes.



In 1957, the first chink in the climbing Iron Curtain appeared with the visit of Joyce Dunsheath to Elbruz, accompanied by Gippenreiter, while her husband, an atomic scientist, attended a Moscow con-

ference. The following summer a British group was granted permission to climb in the spectacular Ushba and Bezingi regions of the Caucasus, continuing a tradition begun in 1868 by Freshfield. included Hunt and Band from the Everest team, and Brasher, the 1956 Olympic gold medal steeplechaser. As John Hunt later related. Yevgeni had been principally responsible for the trip, and had become a friend to the British. Gippenreiter started climbing in 1951, and went on to

while corrupt impostors and

their cronies were cast out or

prosecuted. No dubious meth-

od was ever countenanced,

even against the most ruthless

organise international mountaineering camps in the Soviet Union. He climbed Mount Communism and Lenin Peak and was made a Master of Sport. His later contributions

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were as a research worker, with a doctorate in biology. becoming a specialist in the fields of top performance sports, high altitude and space physiology. He was involved in the preparation and results Expedition in 1982, and was co-author of Acute and Chronic Hypoxia (1977) and Physiology of Man at High Altitude (1987). He was a vicepresident of the International Society for Mountain Medicine and a member of the medical commission of the International Union of Alpine Associations.

A handsome Georgian with a Stalinesque moustache and an infectiously good-hum-oured gleam in his dark eyes, he was a great talker and an outspoken raconteur. Recently he had been prepared to record the misfor-

tunes of some of the more prominent Soviet mountaineers who had suffered at the hands of Stalin's secret police. Visiting England in 1993, he disclosed that his father had been a doctor at the court of Tsar Nicholas II and had been honoured for his services. This meant that by the laws of succession. Yevgeni himself qualified as a member of the reconstituted Russian Nobility Assembly, a connection he would scarcely have mentioned during the Communist era. He was delighted when his membership was confirmed, and overjoyed when he and his wife, Lidia, were presented to the Queen on the occasion of her visit to the Royal Geographical Society to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first ascent of Everest. On his last visit to England.

last December, he attended the Alpine Club's annual dinner, proudly wearing formal evening dress. He is survived by his wife and their two sons.

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"ARROGANCE"

lecturer in Sociology, was discussing

church situation in Scotland.

"the national church in Britain".

were many of England's.

The English churches came in for some stringent criticism in the sociology section, where Dr. John Higher, Glasgow University

From the contention that in Scotland the

national church approximated more closely to

being coextensive with the Christian element

in the nation than did the Church of England

in England, he declared it galling to Sonts

when the Church of England was projected as

On a normal Sunday in Scotland about

911,000 adults (26 per cent of the adult

population) attended at least one service.

compared with 10 to 15 per cent in England and Wales. Even if Scotland's churches were

no longer on the crest of the wave, he said,

they were nothing like so deep in the trough as

From his study of Scottish opinion (based

on research reported in The Scottish Churches, published by Skeffington, 1960) he

gave Anglicans the following advice: "Try to

clear your autitudes of the marked English

arrogance they are apt to exude, concede that

### ROBSON LOWE Robson Lowe, philatelist and publisher, died on

August 19 aged 92. He was born on January 7, 1905.

IN THE sphere of philately no name has become better known worldwide than that of Robson Lowe - known as "Robbie" by anyone who had spoken to him more than once. He was regarded as the fount of knowledge not only in

the field of adhesive postage stamps issued in the British Empire, but also of the earlier handstruck markings which signified that postage had or had not been prepaid. He virtually created the study and collection of items of postal history. His book Handstruck Postage Stamps of the Empire 1680-1900 pioneered the study of these murkings. He will be remembered for

many things, perhaps mostly for his labours in editing and preparing for publication the six-volume Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps (1948-90), although to his regret this is incomplete with regard to Southern America and Antarctica. Among his other books were The Codrington Correspondence (1951), which details the postal history of a dossier of letters from Antigua, and The British Postage Stamp (1968).

The activity that gave him the greatest personal satisfaction was the acquisition and removal from the market of the stock of the notorious forger Jean de Sperati. who refused to admit that his productions were anything other than works of art artifice would have been a less objectionable term. His twovolume exposé of the forgeries appeared in 1955 and is perhaps his best work.

Lowe was an indefatigable philatelic publisher. In 1934 he started a magazine called The Raconteur, which became The Philatelist and Raconteur and then The Philatelist in 1937, after he had acquired the name first published in 1866. His most recent periodical publication was The Philatelist and Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, which last appeared in July 1997.

He was a man of great



puckish charm, with a fund of stories and jokes. Perhaps it was his Irish sense of humour that resulted in a four-item entry in his 88-page Index to The Philatelist and The Philatelist and P.J.G.B. (1980) with a heading "Entries with Reference Number Missing". Robbie Lowe began trading

in stamps as a schoolboy, and recorded that his first year yielded a profit of £100. At a dinner marking his 70 years as a dealer, he related how in 1920 he joined the stamp dealers Fox & Co. at South Kensington - and lasted only a day. The managing director asked Lowe into his room to chat about his reasons for going into the stamp business, and Lowe explained that he wanted to

learn how a good business

was run so that he could start his own. Naturally loath to train a rival, the boss fired him on the spot.

In 1926 Lowe managed to set himself up in business in Regent Street, London, as son lowe Itd. Ten years later the firm began stamp auctions, which continued until being taken over by Christie's in 1980.

He regularly attended international philatelic exhibitions in Europe, America and the Far East. He was also responsible for much of the organisation of the international stamp exhibition at the Festivai Hall in 1960.

His collecting and studying activities were remarkable. He was forever starting new collections. One which gave him intense pleasure was several albums of Valentines: lacy cards of the mid-Victorian era

He was a strong philatelic propagandist, and encouraged people of all kinds to partake of the delights of studying the objects of their acoustition.

Many philatelic honours were bestowed on him, all over the world. He was the first member of the trade to be awarded honorary membership of the Royal Philatelic Society London, in 1991, and in 1983 he became president of the Cinderella Stamp Club.

However, eminence has its perils and temptations. Occationally, Lowe used his authority to make assertions for which the evidence was ambivalent. His business was certainly at the service of his publishing, and it may be that his publishing was sometimes excessively at the service of his business. Commercially too. he sometimes sailed close to the wind. His wife died in 1972, but he

is survived by two daughters.

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The British Association for the Advancement of Science was established in 1831. Controver sial topics, such as that on Darwin in 1861, are often discussed. Reports of some of the sections of the association are as interesting

to the layman as to the expert. you too may be influenced by considerations of the great national traditions of the Church of England, recognize that Scotland is a church-minded nation to a far greater extent

than is England, and that in such a context the Church of England is, relatively, the junior negotiator." HOW TO RECOGNIZE WITCHES

A lesson in the recognition of witches, derived from the East African Lugbara Society, was passed on to the sociologists by Dr. J.F.M. Middleton, Lecturer in Anthropol ogy at London University. According to the Lughara, a witch is a man

who perverts a mystical power of kinship for his own selfish ends and is therefore an evil person. Witches in general are given both physical and moral attributes: a witch has greyish skin, red eyes, a physical deformity; he may travel about upside down; he is bad tempered, secretive, petty and jealous; he is thought to practise incest and cannibalism.

The distinction between witchcraft, a mys-

tical activity, and sorcery, the use of material objects, was widespread in eastern Africa. Dr. Middleton said. When, as in Lughara, the basic principles of organization were unilineal descent and seniority by generation it would be expected that men were believed to practise witchcraft, whereas women should have the less important role of sorcerer.

BOMB MAY HAVE SPREAD RARE GRASS Bombing during the Second World War may have caused the appearance of a rare plant in East Anglia. Mr. E.L. Swann, plant recorder for West Norfolk for the Botanical Society of the British Isles, told the botany,

200 and corresponding societies' sections.

He said that a direct hit by incendiaries on a tobacco warehouse in King's Lynn had probably resulted in convection currents carrying Bermuda grass seeds high into the air. Winds took them to a hillside at Castle Rising, where the plant still persisted.

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Families were urged not to take young children to watch the

funeral tomorrow because of the huge crowds ................. Page 1

■ Prince William and Prince Harry appeared in public last night with their father and the Queen and the Duke of

■ The Times prints the Order of Service of a "unique funeral"

for a "unique person". The funeral begins at llarn....... Page 2

■ The singer Elton John is to perform a specially rewritten

version of his hit song Candle In The Wind ...... Page 3

■ The mourning crowds in London were exultant that they

had apparently forced the Queen and the other members of the

Royal Family into a public demonstration for their "Peoples'

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Israel set to strike at militants

each other causing carnage and mass panic..

■ Israel is considering military action against Islamic

militants inside areas controlled by Yassir Arafat after the

triple suicide bombing that killed up to eight people and

wounded nearly 170 in Jerusalem's main open-air shopping

mail. The nail-studded devices exploded within a minute of

Fats and cancer

Fats found in biscuits, cakes,

pastry and margarines may con-

tribute to the development of

breast cancer, a study of 698

women between the ages of 50

and 74 found.......Page 10

Russia's lethal roads

More than 30,000 people will die

on Russian roads this year be-

cause of incompetent policing,

poor road safety and drink driv-

Dipiomatic fatigue has forced

Western countries to abandon the

pursuit of democracy in Cambo-

dia and tacitly support Hun Sen

who seized absolute power in

South Africa is waiting on tenter-

hooks for today's decision on

which city will be chosen to host

the 2004 Olympic Games. Among

its rivals are Rome, Athens and

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Bubonic strain

At a second summit on education

at Downing Street, Tony Blair set

his Government the task of rais-

ing standards in the worst 5,000

Gordon Spence, an information

technology manager, has beaten

the world's supercomputers by

calculating a prime number

895,932 digits long. It would take

450 pages of a paperback to print

A new strain of bubonic plague,

resistant to most known cures,

has been found. The drug-resis-

tant strain was isolated from

specimens taken from a 16-year-

old in Madagascar ...... Page 10

At the end of the century life will

be less predictable, more pres-

sured and less secure than before,

according to a survey of attitudes,

opinions and lifestyles of 8,000

adults in Britain ...... Page 11

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Royal Family appears in public

**ACROSS** I Ride in which first part is shorter than second (10).

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11 Take vital parts with long

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12 Like the engine of a motor-bike or its rider (3-6). 13 Bodywork? (5).

14 Walked, after short time, with staff to study (7). 15 Simplicity of original native quar-

17 Hand over for the time being (7). 19 Characters producing singular sound as leaders of chorus, say

21 Revise boundary round Eastern state (5).

23 Novel race providing material for

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24 Popular impression you heard about binding agreement (9).

25 Sing for stunning girl (5). 26 Fountain whose waters sparkle

27 Sort of stationery landlord at the Crown used (10).

l Dreadful man in charge of accommodation remains (7).

2 Not far from nude - the way one gets half-baked (9). Occasion to remember pre-wat

alliance (7.7). 4 Poison developing in food, having dished out pound in container (7).

5 Left to enter a French port without cargo (7),

7 Horse that's more thirsty (5). 8 Sight I witnessed while listening

9 It wraps up charge in case (9,5). 16 Get rid of careless air cadet before start of exam (9).

17 From which a deduction may be made before loss (7). 18 After this rite, one goes bare headed into church (7).

19 Extremely wet description of French quarter one's entered (7). 20 Came out of one's shell, having seen a change at the top (7).

22 Daughter in dire need expired (5).



Israelis weep at the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall in Jerusalem after the triple bomb blast yesterday. Pages 1, 14, 15

Economy: The CBI warned the Bank of England against any further rises in interest rates. The CBI believes high street sales suffered a marked fall in August, slumping to their second lowest level for almost

.. Page 23 Cable: Utility Cable issued the clearest possible profit warning that it will be unable to meet City expectations... ... Page 23

Meet sales: Hillsdown Holdings. food supplier to Marks & Spencer, Tesco and J Sainsbury, is set to end production of red meat.....Page 23 Markets: The FTSE 100 Index rose 14.4 points to close at 4991.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 100.6 to 100.7 after a rise from \$1.5837 to \$1.5861 and from

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years ago cost the country millions — but was it a blessing in disguise?

WEEKEND MONEY A guide to the latest opportunities for carpetbagging

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III PAPER Boris Yeltsin's declaration - "My term ends in 2000" - is remarkable indeed. How remarkable becomes clear when you look around Mr Yeltsin's neighbourhood; one Soviet legacy, it seems fair to say, is a reluctance to relinquish power - The Washington Post

- TV LISTINGS

Preview: Nigel Le Vaillant is back as the harassed police surgeon. Dangerfield (BBC1, 9.30pm) Review: Matthew Bond on a magician short on magic ... Pages 42, 43

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The Queen's decision to address the nation on television this evening is the most significant news since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Although most of the audience would have preferred that the decision be more spontaneous, the will be grateful that the Palace has at last grasped the urgent need for

Monarch and media

### a personal message ...... Page 19 The tactics of terror

The Palestinian President cannot continue with a schedule that alternates between American and Israeli officials on the one hand and the exponents of assassination on the

Let the Games rethink: The real issue is the character of the Olympiad. It is too large for any 

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### ISOBEL CARLISLE

The Al Fayeds come from Alexandria. Mention of this city at the moment will probably bring its most famous modern citizens imm-ediately to mind. But next week a conference is to be held at King's College London which will explore far deeper resonances of the ancient city... .... Page 18

Frank Prochaska The Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fund will need to do more than simply accept donations if it is to make the most of its possibilities. Serious thought, diplomacy and astute fundraising will be needed, and quickly......

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to tresh. Max 21C (70F). SW & NW England, S&N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: sunny spells. Showers, Wind SW, moderate to fresh, Max 19C (66F).

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L Central N & NE England: risk of showers in afternoon. Wind SW, strong. Max 20C (68F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: sun at first, showers later. Wind SW, strong, Max 19C (66F).

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 1997

# Liquidator of BCCI wins \$2.1bn action

BY JASON NISSE

THE liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International have been awarded damages of \$2.1 billion (£1,3 billion) in a Cayman Islands court against Ghaith Pharoan, the fugitive Saudi businessman accused of helping to conceal the bank's problems for 13 years.

After the record judgment Deloitte & Touche, the liquidators, will launch a worldwide search to locate and sell Mr Pharoan's assets. These include a chateau in the Dordogne with an extensive wine cellar, a UK registered oil company operating in Pakistan, property developments in London, Paris and Cannes, and hotels, shipping and con-struction interests in the Middle East.

"This is a significant step toward the recovery of damages from Ghaith Pharoan arising from his roles in a number of alleged fraudulent conspiracies with companies within the BCCl Group," said Michael Mackey, a partner of Deloitte & Touche in Grand Cayman.

Deloitte & Touche says it may not be able to recover the full amount of the ruling but should secure about \$400 million for creditors of the bank. This will be added to \$4.5 billion already raised, \$2.65 billion of which has returned to creditors. BCCI collpased in July 1991 with debts of \$11 billion. A further distribution of about \$1 billion is expected to be made in October.

The liquidators still have three large court actions outstanding - a \$750 million claim against the Bank of England, which was knocked back by the High Court earlier

this year, and two against BCCI's auditors, the first claiming \$1.7 billion from Ernst & Young and the other demanding \$3.5 billion from Price Waterhouse.

Mr Pharcan, who at the height of his business activities in the 1970s operated from lavish offices in London's Berkeley Square, is a fugitive from US justice after being charged with fraud in four. states. He is currently in Saudi Arabia, where he fled after a

Pharoan: fugitive

chase where he was reported

allowed to travel to Syria and

has recently been spotted in

Mr Pharoan has been found liable for fines totalling \$37 million by the US Federal

Reserve which found him to

have been part of a conspiracy

to gain control illegally of two

Bank and National Bank of

Georgia. Mr Pharoan is ap-

pealing against the fines.

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been closed in 1978, but it was actually closed in 1991," said Carmen Genovese, of Deloine & Touche in Grand Cayman. "The damages cover the fall in the value of Attock and the increase in the defecit at ICIC during those 13 years."

The ownership of Attock was disguised through registering its shares in the names of three nomineess. Mr Pharoan. Sheikh Kamal Adham and Faisal Saud Al

Faulaii. If the stake had been held directly by ICIC Overseas it would have been a breach of the Cayman Islands' banking regulations and would have breached the minimum solvency requirement of banks

The liquidators have been in to have been tracked on his a battle with Mr Pharoan over vacht by the US Navy. He is the control of Attock Oil for more than five years. Though the company is registered in London and the liqudiators have gained Mareva injunctions in London, the Caymans and Bermuda freezing Mr Pharoan's assets, the courts in Pakistan stopped the liquidators from gaining control of the company's assets, which are almost entirely in Pakistan. These are still being run

by Mr Pharoan.

operating in the tax haven.



John Clare, of Dixons, which has seen an easing in the effects of building society windfalls

### Rate plea by CBI as sales slow

BY PHILIP BASSETT

GROWTH of high street sales suffered a marked slowdown in August, prompting a plea from business against any further rises in interest rates. The Confederation of Brit-

ish Industry's distributive trades survey said the annual rate of increase in high street sales was, with the exception of May this year, the lowest reported since October 1995.

The trend was confirmed by Dixons, the electrical remiler. whose chief executive is John Clare, and which has about 20 per cent of the UK market. The company said the effect of building society windfalls had begun ease. Like-for-like sales slowed to 11 per cent in the first quarter, after a 17 per cent rise through May and June.

The CBI survey of around 15,000 high street outlets in wholesating and in the motor trade, showed that among retailers, 47 per cent reported an increase in sales volumes in August compared with a year earlier. A quarter said they were down

The resulting net balance of 22 per cent recording growth in sales — those reporting an increase set against those reg-istering a fall — is "markedly" down on the July figure of 35 per cent, CBI analysts said.

Even so, all retail sectors with the exception of booksellers and stationers, specialised food shops and footwear and leather stores, reported an increase in sales, with hardware, china. do-it-yourself and chemists' stores the stron-

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate director for economic analysis, said: "There is nothing in this survey indicating that interest rates need to go up at the moment. There is a slowdown - but the underlying message is that we are still getting fairly stable growth."

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### Wembley date

Wembley said that it was confident the complex negotiations surrounding the creation of a national North London site would be resolved in time for the project to commence building in 1999. Page 25

### Motoring

Car sales roared to a record in August as buyers drove more than £5 billion worth of new models out of showrooms. Windfall payments from building societies and a surge in house prices, helped confidence. Page 24

### Signet glistens again

By Jason Nisse

SIGNET, the jeweller formerly known as Ratners. vesterday reported its first interim profit for seven years and gave details of plans for expansion in America that could lead to an acquisition.

The turnaround came against a background of a capital reconstruction that was completed only this week, halving Signet's debts to £214 million and simplifying the complex share structure.

Signet made pre-tax profits of £1.43 million in the 26 weeks to August 2 (£4.16 million loss). Earnings per share were 0.1p (0.2p loss), but there is unlikely to be a dividend this year. James McAdam, chair-

man, said that there were a host of opportunities to Sterling, the American jewellery side that saw profits grow 16.4 per cent in the half.

Sterling is the second largest player in the US, but has only 4.5 per cent of a fragmented market. It opened a 5,500 sq ft superstore in Denver earlier this year, will open three more this year, and ten next year. Mr McAdam said: "We

will be keeping our eyes open for opportunities... However, he added that there was in no rush to make an acquisition.

The figures, which have analysts estimating profits of £65 million for the year. pleased UK Active Value, shareholder that speaks for 35 per cent of the company.

### **Utility Cable gives City** warning on profits

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

UTILITY CABLE, the once fashionable cable industry supplier with a high-tech veneer, yesterday issued the clearest possible profit warning that it will be unable to meet City profit expectations. The company blamed a rapid downturn in the capital expenditure programme of a number of major UK cable

franchise holders". Luke Johnson, the entrepre-neur behind PizzaExpress. who has been an enthusiastic purchaser of the Utility stock, is likely to have lost several million pounds at current stock price levels. Utility closed yesterday at 512 p. down from 74p. At one stage the price fell to 42 p, but rallied as nearly two million shares changed hands, prompting speculation of possible stake-

building. In the past year the shares reached a high of 27% p. Mr Johnson will remain a non-executive director. The company, whose main business is cable TV duct installation, issued a profits warning at the half-year in May. But although analysts reduced forecasts some still believed that a pre-tax profit of £3.2 million was possible for the full year. The reality is likely to be a loss of between 13 million and £4 million after exceptional restruction costs. A provision is being made of at least £4 million. At the



trading level the company is profitable with the help of income from non-cable activities such as general ulitity work for the water, gas and telecommunications indus-Under a programme of rationalisation, two separate operating divisions are being

specialise in utility contracting and JP Fitzpatrick, will continue with cable industry work. Alan Baskeyfield, manag-ing director of RS Kennedy, said yesterday: "We rose on the hype, but we could not get the market down from it. We can't go forward on the hype any more." It is believed that once the restructuring programme is complete Utility Cable will be able to return to

created. RS Kennedy will

profit next year. The company was formed in 1994 through an £8.75 million reverse takeover of Baillie Gifford Technology, a moribund investment trust whose shares had been suspended.

### Casino group had pension fund 'gap'

By Jason Nissé

CAPITAL CORPORATION. the casino group, failed to produce accounts for its pension fund for more than five years and kept records so badly its auditors could not work out whether correct payments had been made.

Despite this the group's auditors, Deloitte & Touche, gave the group an unqualified auditor report and failed to highlight the pension fund problems when signing off the group's flotation prospectus in 1993. The fund has now been wound up and the staff given personal pensions.

The problems with the pen sion fund came to light last year after a review by Kenneth Thompson and Des Pereira, then acting chief executive and finance director respectively. The two are being sued by Capital, which claims the duo conspired to hamper the company when it was defending itself against a £190 million bid by London Clubs International, its rival.

The review found no ac-counts had been prepared since the scheme was set up in 1980 when Garry Nesbitt led a management buyout of Crock-lords casino. When accounts finally appeared, in April last year, they stated: The trustee is aware that it has failed to meet its obligations to produce annual accounts for the Scheme . . . " The trustees were the directors of Capital, including the current chairman, Ernest Sharp. In its auditor's report,

Deloitte & Touche says: "We have been unable to verify that the contributions payable... during the period I September 1989 to 31 December 1991 have been deducted from the emplovees' salaries ... due to lack of payroll records."

Despite this the auditors signed off the accounts for Capital for all the years when pension fund accounts failed to appear. Deliotte & Touche received £946,000 in fees from Capital during 1995 and 1996.



CALIFORNIA

# Hillsdown to end red meat production

By CHRIS AYRES

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, one of Britain's biggest food companies, is to withdraw from producing red meat.

The company, a supplier to leading supermarket chains, including Tesco, J Sainsbury and Marks & Spencer, is to sell a number of red meat businesses with combined annual sales of about £400 million. Hillsdown said it was already in talks with a potential buyer.

The total price tag for the businesses - comprising Strong & Fisher, Offerman, Bakx, Fairfax Meadow, Tendercut, Poupart, and Firstan, the packaging firm - is expected to be about £55

Hillsdsown, which has total sales of more than £3 billion a year, denied that the decision was prompted by the BSE crisis that has devastated the British red meat industry.

George Greener, chief executive. said: "We have been pulling out of red meat for about four years because our market position abroad suffers from the presence of co-operatives. BSE has nothing to do with it." The announcement came as the

pre-tax profits from £51.3 million to £55.3 million for the six months to June 30. on unchanged turnover of £1.5 billion. Earnings per share rose 3.7 per cent from 5.4p to 5.6p, and an unchanged dividend of 2.2p will be paid on January 2. The company, which produces 212

million chickens a week, said its poultry division had been hit by a chicken virus called Newcastle disease. The disease has cost the company an estimated £2.5 million, with many chickens having to be put into quarantine or

killed. The company denied that the company reported a 7.8 per cent rise in disease posed any threat to consumers. Hillsdown said that its furniture and housebuilding divisions had continued to grow, with operating profits rising

31 per cent to £21.5 million, but that its chilled food business had been hit by the strong pound. Hillsdown shares rose 712p to 170p yesterday. The plan to refocus the group began

in June with the sale of Hillsdown's carbonated soft drinks and fruit concentrates businesses.

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Shares in Mediakey rose Il<sup>1</sup>2p to 39p after the publishing group revealed that it had received an approach which may or may not lead to a bid for the company. Mediakey said, how-

ever, that the discussions are at "a very early stage" and that a further announcement will be made in due course.

### Caird fall

Caird, the waste control group, saw pre-tax profits fall from £7.9 million to £2 million in the six months to June 30, on sales down from E9.9 million to E9.6 million. The interim dividend rises from 3p to 5p. The shares rose 10p to 785p.

### Manders hit

Manders, the chemical group, blamed the pound for pre-tax profits falling from £2.56 million to £1.18 million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend stays at 3.1p.

### Payout rises

Swallowfield, the household requisites company. raised pre-tax profits by !! per cent to £1.46 million in the six months to June 14. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 3.3p.

### Fife higher

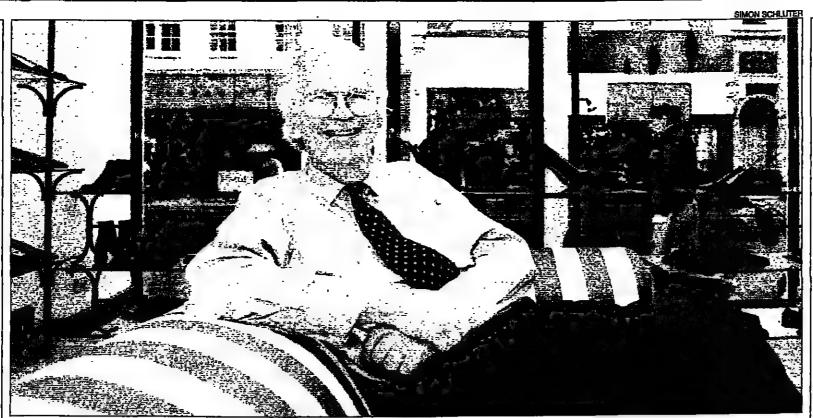
Fife Indmar, the distribution and engineering group, raised pre-tax profits from E580,000 to £812,000 in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises from

### Shares slide

Shares in Laser-Scan, the computer software and services group, fell 9p to 17½ p after revelations of a £498,000 loss before tax in the six months to June 30, against a EL25,000 profit last time. Again no interim dividend is proposed.

### G&D down

Gibbs and Dandy, the builders merchant, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £350,000 to £270,000 in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises 6.7 per cent



Best foot forward: John Church, chairman of Church & Co, the Northampton footwear manufacturer and distributor, saw pre-tax profits rise 10 per cent to £1.37 million in the six months to June 30, in spite of the adverse impact of the strong pound. Earnings rose 15 per cent to 8.4p a share and the interim dividend was up 8 per cent to 3.5p. Turnover was little changed at £36.3 million, compared with £36.8 million

# Sales of new cars accelerate to record high in August

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

CAR sales roared to a record in August as buyers drove more than E5 billion worth of new models out of showrooms.

Windfall payments from building societies, a surge in home prices, and the return of the "feel-good factor" helped to send sales to 525,539 during the month - 25,000 more cars than were sold in August 1989 at the height of the Lawson

But the extraordinary onemonth sale also brought a

BY MARTIN BARROW

SAVILLS, the London estate

agent and chartered surveyor,

yesterday revealed it was discussing an alliance with First

Pacific, the Hong Kong prop-

erty and investment company.

the two companies will gener-

ate significant revenue from

Savills hopes a link between

huge boost for foreign manufacturers, with seven in ten cars registered during August imported. Of the top ten bestselling cars, half came from

Of the total August sale, 357,769 cars came from abroad. Even leading marques, such as Ford and Vauxhall, are forced to bring in models from overseas. Ford makes its third best-selling model, the Mondeo, in Belgium, while the Vauxhall

the Far East and Australia.

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Savills in the buoyant London

If the two companies reach

agreement the First Pacific

Davies (FPD) property agency subsidiary, which has 18 of-

fices in eight countries in the

Far East, would take a 20 per

property market.

Corsa, fifth in the charts, change will be abolished in comes from Spain. favour a system under which If this was to be the last there will be two registration letters during the year, proba-August bonanza, at least buy-

ers ensured that it would be memorable. In spite of the record sales, manufacturers and dealers are increasingly unable to cope with the registration plate change, which squeezes demand for a quarter of all new cars sold in the year demonstrates clearly the ab-

surdity of having more than 25

50 per cent of its London business from overseas cli-

Discussions with FPD got

under way after Savills termi-nated its US-based joint ven-

ture with the Galbreath

Company following Gal-breath's acquisition by La

Salle Partners, a potential

ents, said Mr Adams.

into a single month. The Government will shortly announce the August plate

scribing for new shares "at a

premium" to Wednesday's

closing price of 1164p. The

shares rose op to 122½ p yester-day, suggesting FPD would invest around £10 million.

Aubrey Adams, managing

director of Savills, said:

"Globalisation is really hap-

pening in the property sector." Savills already derives about

Savills forging Far East alliance

tions in just one month.

bly in March and September. Ernie Thompson, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "The August result can be received in two ways - it is a milestone figure and represents a huge volume of business for the industry, but it

Rover with 9.67 per cent. France's three carmakers -

Peugeot, Renault and Citroen had a fifth of all sales last month, while Japan's eight makers mustered, between them, a 15 per cent share. Sales of new cars are now

up 6.4 per cent in the first eight months, putting the industry on course for an annual sale above two million, although industry executives believe that there could be a slowdown, depending on whether towards the end of the year.

per cent of annual registra-

Dealers sold 35 cars a minute nationwide at the peak. Vauxhall sold out of Astra models fitted with airconditioning, while Mazda, Mercedes, Land Rover, Chrysler. Toyota and Mitsubishi were among companies that enjoyed a record month.

Ford led the market, taking a 17.6 per cent share of total sales, followed by Vauxhall, second on 13.37 per cent, and

### Cattles to target had debtors

By ADAM JONES

CATTLES, the financial services group that lends to low earners often shunned by high street banks, signalled its intention to crack down on defaulters yesterday by ac-quiring a debt collection agency for £7.7 million.

The group reported pre-tax profits of £17 million for the first half of 1997, up 16 per cent. The purchase of Lewis Group, a debt collection agency based in Glasgow and Bradford, is being funded through a combination of about £5.8 million cash, plus loan notes and stock.

Lewis traces defaulters nationally, using 750 agents. Eddie Cran, Cattles chief executive, said all bad debts would be transferred to Lewis: "The intervention of a third party often brings results." Cattles wrote off £6.6 mil-

1997. Lewis will continue to work for other clients too. Cattles lends sums between £100 and £3,000. The APR can be as much as 150 per cent for small loans where a Cattles employee collects the repay-

lion of debts in the first half of

ments each week.

An interim dividend of 3.25p. up l6 per cent, will be paid on November 3. The shares fell from 344p to 3394p.

### Chinamaker to focus on America

BY ERIC REGULY

ROYAL DOULTON, the fine chinamaker, is to focus on expanding its glass and crys-tal business in North America now that its UK operations have been reorganised.
Patrick Wenger, chief executive, said: "That is a big mar-

ket for us. We need to develop it." The company is to sell more glass and crystal in its 52 North American shops and is not ruling out an acquisition there to speed up expansion.

Trading conditions were difficult in the half year to June 30 because of the continued strength of sterling. which made its products less competitive in foreign markets and cut into tourist sales in the UK. Sales were down 10 per cent in Royal Doulton's five shops in central London. The company still plans to build six more retail outlets in the UK.

Interim pre-tax profits were El million, compared with £4.2 million. Excluding ex-ceptional charges of £3.3 mil-lion, pre-tax profits were £4.3 million.

Turnover fell 2.2 per cent to E111.6 million. At constant exchange rates, turnover woold have been 1.8 per cent ahead. The interim dividend rises 2 per cent to 2.3p.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Psion profits hit by production problems

PSION, the manufacturer of hand-held computers, has given warning that production problems with its latest Series Five range will force profits below last year's £16 million, marking the first retreat in full-year figures for six years. The company is phasing out its Series Three model but the late arrival of the Series Five has left no replacement. As a result pre-tax profits fell 38 per cent, to £4.05 million, in the six months to June 30. The strength of sterling cost £3 million of profits as more than half of its sales come from overseas.

Earnings dropped to 3.55p (7.37p) a share. In spite of this, the interim rises to 0.7p (0.05p), due on October 3. The payout will deliver some £115,000 to David Potter, chief executive, who holds 22 per cent of the shares. The shares rose 10p to 3372 p. even though BZW, the house broker, cut its profits forecast by another E5 million. It now expects £11 million for the year, against the £22 million forecast in April. These would be the lowest results since 1994. Tempus, page 26

### Verity £4.8m deal

VERITY, the electronic equipment group, is to sell 60 per cent of its Wharfedale and Quad loudspeaker and hi-fi businesses to IAG for an effective £4.8 million in cash and loan notes. For the year to June 30, 1996. Wharfedale and Quad contributed pre-tax profits of £1.2 million. At that time, the units had combined net assets of £4.3 million. Verity said that it needed to concentrate on developing flat panel speaker technology. The Premier Percussion business is also being reviewed.

### Senior dividend rises

SENIOR ENGINEERING GROUP sustained the turnaround begun last year by reporting a 29.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £21 million from £16.2 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 5.04p a share, up from 3.8p. The dividend rises II.1 per cent to 1.6p. Overall sales were down from £292 million to £239.6 million, but excluding discontinuing business increased by 1.1 per cent. Profits included a El.5 million exceptional insurance credit.

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### Friendly expects sale

FRIENDLY HOTELS, the provincial hotel operator, expects to finalise the long-awaited disposal of its serviced offices division soon. The buyer is an existing serviced offices operator. Friendly pre-tax profits rose 33 per cent to £1.6 million in the 25 weeks to June 15. Earnings per share reached 3.4p (2.8p) and the interim dividend is unchanged at 2.2p. Average occupancy rose from 59.8 to 60.3 per cent and achieved room rate improved from £29.47 to £32.76.

### Shake-ups help Scholl

SCHOLL, the footcare and footwear group, has benefited from the shake-ups of the past year and yesterday reported first-half pre-tax profits before exceptionals up 11.4 per cent at E15.4 million for the six months ended June 30. Earnings per share were 12.6p against last year's 11.5p and the interim dividend rises 0.3p to 3.3p. Strongest sales growth came from Footcare, up 11.7 per cent, and Footwear products were up 2.8 per cent. The shares rose 7p to 286p.

### Abbot raises interim

ABBOT, the Aberdeen oil drilling and inspection company, is increasing the interim dividend 25 per cent to 0.8p a share after reporting a rise in pre-tax profits to £7.04 million from E3.5 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose to 3.51p a share from 2.04p. The profits advance reflects the first full contribution from KCA Drilling, acquired in November 1996. Alasdair Locke, chairman, said international expansion was likely, particularly in the Caspian area.

### **Enterprise buys 100 pubs**

ENTERPRISE INNS, the pub operator, is spending fill million to acquire more than 100 pubs. It is paying £9.4 million for 94 leased and tenanted units from Whitbread and, in a separate deal, a further £1.6 million for eight managed houses from Pubmaster, formerly part of debt-laden Brent Walker. The company is planning to convert the managed properties to tenancies. The acquisitions will boost Enterprise's portfolio to 1,224 pubs. Its shares gained 2p to 234p on the news.

### BTR in £31m disposal

BTR. the engineering conglomerate, yesterday sold its Serck Heat Transfer business to an institutional buyout team, led by NatWest Ventures for £31.5 million. Serck Heat Transfer, which operates in Britain and America, designs and manufactures heat transfer equipment for cooling engines. transmissions, turbines and processes for power generation. In the year to December 31, the business generated sales of £22.5 million. The net assets changing hands are £8.4 million.

### Preston doubles score

PRESTON NORTH END is to start work on a new 6,000seat stand later this year as the club continues its quest to reach the top flight of football. The Nationwide division two club yesterday revealed a doubling of full-year profits to E113,000 mainly because of a profit of £845,000 on transfer dealings. Promotion to division two last season helped attendances to average 9.400, boosting turnover 34 per cent to £3.8 million. Earnings were 6.54p (5.69p). There is no dividend.

### **Kwek Leng Beng**

A REPORT (Business News, September 4, "High rollers avert Capital loss") stated, incorrectly, that Mr Kwek Leng Beng, chairman of Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, had lost more than £4 million at Crockfords casino during the first half of 1997. In fact, Mr Kwek does not gamble and has never visited Crockfords. We apologise unreservedly for our mistake.

### Former Tv-am chief organised union lock-out

### Gyngell to quit television

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

BRUCE GYNGELL, the Pink Panther" of TV-am, is retiring, for the time being, from British broadcasting at the age of 68.

Mr Gyngell, notorious at Britain's first commercial breakfast station for his enthu-siasm for the colour pink and the trampoline in his office, is standing down as chief executive of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television following the company's takeover by Granada. The first man to appear on television in Australia when it

launched in September 1956,

Mr Gyngell said: "No com-

pany requires two chief executives and it was inevitable that I would leave." He will Packer's publishing and

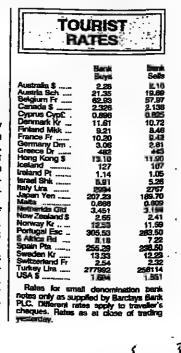
broadcasting empire.

Mr Gyngell will be remembered for locking out the unions at TV-am and organising a successful management service that helped to change the nature of industrial relations in ITV - a move that brought him to the attention of the then Prime Minister. Margaret Thatcher.

More recently Mr Gyngell and Ward Thomas, his chair-

man, stirred up controversy by refusing to transmit, on grounds of taste and decency, a number of programmes that the rest of the UK were able to watch. These included Holly-wood Lovers and some edi-tions of The Good Sex Guide. While some complained of censorship. Mr Gyngell said Yorkshire received hundreds of letters of support. Mr Thomas will stay on as

chairman of the enlarged Gra-nada Media Group, which provides more than 60 per cent of the programmes to the ITV national network.



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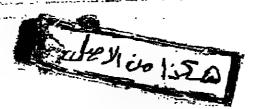
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ou may not have noticed but, apparently, the winter of 1996-97 was "the worst winter of discontent' for many years". The piles of rotting rubbish may have been absent from the streets; the pickets were not assembled outside the nation's hospitals, and transport, generally, kept running. Nonetheless, the employment experts at lawyers Dibb Lupton Alsop are congratulating themselves on the accuracy of their forecast, made this time last year, that the following winter would be a bad

one for industrial relations. There is more than a touch of scare-mongering here. In 1979, when some Londoners were wondering where they might find a modern Pied Piper of Hamelin, the number of working days lost through strikes was more than 29 million. Last year, the figure was just 1.3 million. But as Dibb Lupton Alsop points out, that was more than treble the figure for the previous year. Now, after surveying a mixture of employers and trades unionists, the firm is glee-fully predicting that there is worse to come. "Next year will see a further increase in industrial unrest," it trumpets.

Revelling in their pessimism, the lawyers omit from the headlines the information that the survey actually revealed a slight improvement in relationships between employers and unions. But its finding that 66 per cent of trade unions surveyed said there

# Present tense for the unions

trial tension over the last year does provide an interesting context for this weekend's gathering of the TUC in Brighton.

Tony Blair has made clear that

he will not undo the industrial relations reforms of the previous Government. Nonetheless, business is watching with some wariness to see just how he will treat with the trades unions.

On the issue of trade union recognition, there are growing indications that he may be finding it difficult to please everyone. Firstly, the unions were unhappy when the Queen's process to be a superstant of the control of the con Speech made no mention of a Bill to enforce a statutory right to union recognition; then they were appeased with intimations that this was still on the agenda and there would be a White Paper this autumn. Now, the time scale has been put back, with indications that it could be

published early next year.
Poor Mr Blair seems to be being buffeted by heavy lobbying on all fronts. The unions are adamant that, if the majority of a workforce want union recog-nition, an employer should be forced to comply. Employers organisations are equally strongly of the view that companies should not have unions



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thrust upon them. For most major companies, the issue is academic, since they already deal with the unions. In the Dibb Lupton survey, 43 per cent of companies claimed a close relationship with their unions and another 54 per cent said they had a workable relationship.

But those relationships could come under more strain, as pay demands continue to grow. Dibb Lupton could have some gorier statistics for its next survey.

### U-turn in Kuala Lumpur

t was an extraordinary day even by the standards of Malaysia's maverick Prime Minister. Faced with a plunge in the ringgit to its lowest level since the currency floated in 1973, Mahathir Mohamad yesterday went ballistic. He threatened to use Malaysia's draconian Internal Security Act to arrest local

speculators against the stock market. Enacted under British colonial rule to deal with a Communist uprising in the late 1940s and 1950s, the Act provides virtually for lifetime imprisonment without trial and has never. to anyone's knowledge, been turned against economic enemies of the state.

But, within hours, Dr Mahat-hir wrenched into reverse. He lifted last week's ban on shortselling of stocks and announced the cancellation of a number of high profile infrastructure projects, a move which the IMF has long been advising. He added that he would not be sending speculators to jail after all since the crimes of short selling were committed before it was banned ... and before the ban was lifted again.

Dr Mahathir may have relocated his marbles under pressure from a renewed assault by the markets. But it is more likely that he was forced to get his act

together by fellow Asian leaders. It is probably no coincidence that Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's chief executive, was in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. He was talk-ing to Malaysian businessmen over lunch but no doubt found time to have a stern word in the ear of their Prime Minister.

The annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank take place in Hong Kong in a fort-night and the gathering has long been planned as a showcase for China's steps towards economic liberalisation. Dr Mahathir was in danger of spoiling the show and yesterday's hysterical threat to speculators must have been the last straw.

Dr Mahathir's intemperate

outbursts have hopelessly compromised other Asian markets, reinforcing investor panic. George Soros may not be a elcome figure on their shores but calling him a "moron", as Dr Mahathir did recently, did nothing to boost confidence in the

region. Nor did Dr Mahathir's ban on short-selling which played very badly with investors viscerally opposed to any attempt to shackle the markets.

With the Malaysian leader apparently brought to heel, it is tempting to argue that the markets are now a screaming buy. Still, one has to be be brave enough to trust Dr Mahathir not to revert to type.

### GEC in need of a confidence boost

nless institutional investors suddenly discover hidden reserves of machismo, George Simpson will today win shareholder approval for his overly generous proposals for rewarding GEC's senior executives. But he would be mistaken if he were to interpret success in the ballot as a vote of confidence in his leadership.

On the contrary, unless he makes some last minute modifications to the share option schemes, investors may be tempted to make use of the ultimate vote, and sell their GEC shares. For the message implicit in the option scheme is that the company is far from confident about its own prospects. Why

else would it set such undernanding performance targets?

Investors who have had to endure years of under-performance from GEC shares had hoped that Mr Simpson would be intending to the state of the state o be intending to offer them something more exciting. But if he will not insist on his executives aiming high, it indicates a suspicion that the potential may sumply not be there.

Last year, Mr Simpson himself rapidly agreed to a restructuring of his own bonus scheme after investors protested that, in a EII) million race, the hurdles should be raised beyond knee height. Maybe, having seen rather more of the insides of GEC, the chief executive now regrets that he was

so responsive to the objections.

But if he still believes that he can revivify Lord Weinstock's legacy, he needs to move fast to assure investors of his confidence and restore theirs.

### A better way

The WH Smith board correctly refuse to be rushed into appoint-ing a new chief executive. After the hasty departure of the last, they need to get it right this time. But the company should now keep the details of its hunt under wraps. Already Keith Hammill and Stuart Rose have been very publicly rejected for the post. Whoever is eventually appointed, at least two insiders will also be labelled unsuitable. There are better ways to do things.

# Wembley hopeful despite deficit at half time

By Alasdair Murray

WEMBLEY said yesterday that it was confident that the "complex" negotiations surrounding the creation of a national sports stadium on the North London site would be resolved in time for the project to commence build-

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Wembley was awarded the £240 million project last December, but wrangling over the financing of the development has caused serious delays to the finalising of building plans.

About £120 million in lottery funding has been promfor the However, the participating parties — which include the English Sports Council and the football, rugby league and athletics governing bodies - have been unable to resolve how the remainder of the project will be financed

There have also been disagreements over who would actually own the stadium in the future, with Wembley, which currently owns the site, still considering whether it should be put into trust.

Claes Hultman, chairman of Wembley, said: "There are still a number of important hurdles, but we hope to have a

business plan by early next year which will also resolve the issue of ownership." Mr Hultman's comments came as the company disclosed a half-year loss of £3 million, compared with profits of £7.7 million last year, after the company was forced to take a £15.5 million hit on

litigation in the United States.

But Wembley returned to the dividend list, despite the loss, with a ip payment due on November 1.

The longstanding lawsuit, which derives from the sale of the Pacer CATS ticketing sys-tem in 1991, ended earlier this year in arbitration with the award of damages of £14.2 million against Wembley.

But Wembley said underlying business, which also excludes the one-off gains from Euro 96, showed an improvement, with operating profits advancing 5 per cent to £14.2

Profits from the Wembley complex fell 28 per cent to £5 million mainly because of extra events created by Euro 96. But Wembley Arena also suffered a fall in bookings, in line with the rest of industry, although provisional secondhalf bookings are ahead of last Profits in the US track

venues rose 9.2 per cent to £7.1 million. US greyhound profits also increased marginally to £1.4 million. But profits at Keith Prowse fell 13.4 per cent because of the unflatterin comparison with Euro 96 last year, although Wembley said underlying business increased 25 per cent.

Mr Hultman said the company was looking forward to the second half of the year with confidence. Wembley shares were un-

changed at 32612p yesterday. They are trading at a 12-month low after falling from 406 ap since March amid continuing concern about the company's



Nick Irens and David Hudd, chairman, reported solid returns from the health and fitness clubs bought last year

### ardon invests in health clubs

VARDON, the leisure group that owns the London Dungeon, is to accelerate expansion of the health and fitness business it acquired last year after it reported a maiden firsthalf contribution of £3.3 million (Dominic Walsh writes).

The company announced vesterday that it had committed £12.5 million of next year's planned £19 million capital

expenditure to developing its Metropolitan and Courtney's clubs where 50 per cent of revenues are membership fees collected by direct debit.

The clubs, bought in July 1996 for £40.5 million, made £3.26 million in operating profit on turnover of £13.8 million. The division is on target to become the biggest of the group's four businesses next year. Nick Irens, chief executive, said the division had reduced the

The nine-strong Metropolitan health clubs business, which cost about £2,25 million each to develop, is to grow at the rate of two or three clubs a year. The public sector Courtney's gyms are also being ex-panded despite uncertainty over the direction of competitity contracts under Labour.

The acquisition helped group pre-tax profits for the year to rise from 12 million to £5.1 million while turnover was 64 per cent ahead at £43.7 million.

Earnings per share were 2.8p (1.6p), and the interim dividend, payable on November 14. rises to 0.8p (0.45p).

### **Decision** soon on Cairn bid

By CARL MORTISHED

CAIRN ENERGY expects news within a fortnight of the outcome of its joint bid with Shell for six blocks in the Bangladeshi licensing

Cairn yesterday reported a rise in operating profits for the half year to £11.0 million (£5.3 million) after a 67 per cent increase in oil and gas production to 14,060 barrels per day. mainly because of the con-tribution from the Ravva field in India.

Investor interest is focused on the expectation of further additions to reserves from Cairn's Sangu discovery in the Bay of Bengal when two development wells are completed

over the next few months. Bill Gammell, chief executive, said that the company honed to find further gas reservoirs at deeper levels in the Sangu field However, he was unwilling to forecast additions to the original estimates of 850 billion cubic feet of gas.

In addition, Cairn is drilling onshore in Bangladesh and six wells are planned at Rayva

Cairn's net profit for the half year was E3.1 million (£2.5 million). There is no interim dividend.

### WH Smith hunt for chief widens

By Eric Reguly

THE search for a new chief executive at WH Smith is expected to take several more months in the wake of the company's decision to eliminate Stuart Rose, the former Burton Group director, from the running. A spokesman said: The

board's main priority is to find suitable candidates. We will not be rushed into making a The shares rose op, to

3932p, on investors' growing belief the management turmoil will trigger the break-up of the company. Some analysts think WH Smith would be worth more if its businesses are sold individually. WH Smith's nominations

committee, comprising four non-executive directors, including Majorie Scardino. chief executive of Pearson, decided in late August to drop Mr Rose from the list. A company spokesman said: "He is a very good retailer, but the chief executive's position is a bigger job and requires skills in other areas besides retailing."

Spencer Stuart, the international head-hunting agency, is searching for new candidates in the UK, continental Europe and North America. Three WH Smith executives

are under consideration for the top job: Alan Giles, managing director of Waterstone's; Richard Handover, managing director of WH Smith News and John Hancock, chief operating officer of WH Smith's US business.

### Amec's German losses constrain recovery

AMEC, the construction group. has fully recovered from the building slump in the UK but is fighting a rearguard action in the depressed German market. Sydney Gillibrand, chairman, said: "The outlook for Amec is certainly more favourable than at any time in recent years."

But this outlook excludes Amec's German activities. Mr Gillibrand said: "In Germany. operating losses have increased, reflecting the poor state of the German construction market."

He said: "The board's strategy has been to curtail the level of rendering for new work, and work intake for 1998 is at a much lower level. This will represent a substantial reduction in Amec's expo-



sure to contract risk in this: depressed market."

Gillibrand: reducing risk

The group is carrying out a rationalisation programme to

from five to two by the end of the year. Turnover in Germany is expected to be almost halved next year. For the group as a whole excluding exceptional disposal gains of £24 million, pre-tax profits grew by a third to El6 million in the half year to June

> Homes business. Mr Gillibrand said: "Improved profitability at Fairclough Homes reflects our efforts to increase margins and return on capital rather than volume.

30. The main boost came from

the housing division, which

includes the Fairclough

The interim dividend for the six months was raised by 17 per cent to 1.75p from 1.5p. from earnings per share of 2.7p, up from 1.6p.

### Strength of sterling leaves mark on Laird

BY OLIVER AUGUST

LAIRD, the industrial group. yesterday reported flat interim profits caused by a heavy international investment programme and the strength of sterling. While underlying profit growth was 18 per cent, pretax profits nudged up from E34.2 million to £34.7 million. Ian Arnott, the chief execu-tive, said: "The adverse currency impact of £4.1 million occurred in the sealings and industrial products divisions, which have a particularly strong continental focus."

To diversify its international exposure, Laird is increasing new business start-up costs to £2 million from last year's £500,000. Most of the money is being invested in a sealings plant in North Carolina. Prod uct deliveries have just begun and full volume will be reached next year. The plant will eventually make up 10 per cent of the division's capacity. Laird is also building a smaller sealings plant in China to supply the growing car

market. Its main partner there is Volkswagen, the German carmaker, whose Jetta model makes up 40 per cent of the local market. Mr Arnott said he did not expect the Chinese car market to boom immediately. He added: "We want to have our boot in place for when it takes off."

Laird will also continue to make bolt-on acquisitions in the building, auto and com-

In the six months to June 30, earnings per share rose to 18.2p from 16.8p. The interim dividend was raised to 5.4p from 4.9p.

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Cheers: Richard Pennycook, JD Wetherspoon finance director, left, with Tim Martin and John Hutson

By Dominic Walsh

JD WETHERSPOON, the fast-growing pub operator headed by Tim Martin, could soon be exporting its successful formula of music-free pubs

Mr Martin, who expects to

loan facility to fund growth. The company's breakneck rate of expansion since it

director to managing director.

profits rose 34 per cent to £17.6 million on turnover 39 per cent ahead at £139.4 million. Earnings per share rose from 33.6p to 43.3p and a final dividend of 6.6p will be paid on November 11, making a total of 10p - up 11 per cent. Mr Martin, who owns a 17

In the year to July 31, pre-tax

per cent stake, also announced yesterday that there would be five-for-one share split after the annual meeting in November. The shares gained 25p to £14.42½ yesterday, compared to 160p at flotation in October 1992.

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# Wetherspoon gets a taste for Paris

serving traditional ales to open 60 pubs in the next 12 months, said he was keen to look at opportunities in foreign cities with a big expatriate community, and had looked at potential sites in Paris. "I'm told there are more British residents in Paris than in Reading and we've got four pubs in Reading." He said the company was also eyeing Ireland, although

he was emphatic that the focus would continue to be the UK. In the last financial year Wetherspoon opened 48 pubs. taking its total to just under 200. The company has just arranged a further £100 million

floated five years ago has prompted calls in the City for Mr Martin to bolster the board. Yesterday he responded to those calls with the appointment of three new executive directors, all internal, and the promotion of John Hutson from operations

STOCK MARKET



# Index marches on despite Merrill Lynch pessimism

MAKE hay while the sun shines was the message going out from Merrill Lynch to its clients as the "thundering herd" continued to take an increasingly bearish view of prospects for investors.

Merrill was telling fund managers yesterday to brace themselves for a major correction on Wall Street by the middle of next year.

Dick McCabe, analyst, expects the Dow Jones industrial average to touch 8,500 before coming to the end of the current bull market cycle and plunging by around 25 per cent (2,125 points) to the 6,375 level. Such a fall would have serious consequences for other financial centres, including London.

Earlier this summer. Merrill began a series of monthly surveys highlighting the views of institutional investors. These indicated a defensive move out of equities into bonds and cash.

There was little evidence of a major correction in London yesterday, however, as equi-ties continued to advance back towards the 5,000 level after four consecutive days of gains. An early fall of almost 30

was quickly wiped out, leaving it to close at its best of the day despite an opening fall in New York. The index ended 14.4 up at 4,991.3 in thin trading that saw 749 million share change hands.

LucasVarity accelerated 812p to 20512p, boosted by the weaker nound. Second-duarter figures, due next week, are expected to see pre-tax profits of the newly merged company come in at around £75 million. making £146 million for the first six months.

Glynwed International also benefited from a weaker currency, gaining 13p at 254p. were also seen in Tomkins. 5p to 30712p, Delta, 812p to 29712p, Redland, 612p to 29812p, and Laporte, 13p to

704p.
News of a bid approach
lifted Mediakey 10<sup>1</sup>2p to 39p. where it carries a price tag of £27 million.

Woolwich rose 712p to 315p and Norwich Union 2p to 354p. Both will be made constituents of the top 100 companies next week and are certain to attract the attention of the index tracker funds.



Clem Jansen, of Silvermines, up 2p on good half-year results

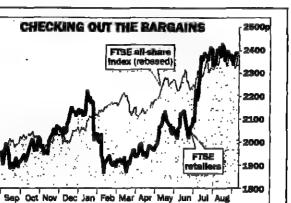
at 651'2p. Sales in the first 17 weeks of the current year were 11 per cent ahead. Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that the rate of increase in sales had "moderated" from the exceptionally high levels in

the first nine weeks. Ocean Group stood out with a jump of  $16^{\circ}$  2p to a year's high of 583'ap after a series of presentations for City fund managers. The logistics specialist has been upbeat about

prospects and is currently sitting on E300 million in cash. The profits warning from Psion had been widely expected after last month's announcement about production difficulties. After touching 291p the shares bounced to

close 10p higher at 337<sup>1</sup>ap.

A profits warning also left
Utility Cable 2<sup>1</sup>ap lower at



THE big food retailers are continuing to grab market share, mainly at the expense of smaller rivals. The one exception, according to the latest survey from AGB Research, is J Sainsbury, down 12p at 4352p, which

continues to lose market share. Tesco, lp down at 427p. which knocked Sainsbury off the top spot. remains the sector leader. but trading is flat at best.

The best performance continues to be enjoyed by Asda, up lighter at 1464p.

headway. The biggest loss of market share has been seen by Kwik Save, Ip

easier at 322½ p.
Paul Smiddy, food retail analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, says the survey confirms that Sainsbury looks overval-ued and he has urged dients to switch into Asda. Safeway, up 52p at 390p, still offers the best value in

the sector. Another fan of Safeway is rival analyst Henderson

Hong Kong. Amsterdam: Frankfurt Brussels:

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blamed a rapid downturn in expenditure by the big cable Zurich television franchise holders and a one-off provision.

Former stockbroker Luke London: Johnson, who runs the company, says this will leave FTSE 250 profits "substantially below FTSE 350 . market expectations". By the close of business almost two million shares had changed hands in what is normally a SEAQ Volume .... ..... 1.5861 (+0.0024

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10,000 share market. The picture was a little more encouraging at Uno, where shareholders at the annual meeting were told that sales in the first 17 weeks were up 9.5 per cent. Shares of the furniture retailer responded with a

512p, having briefly touched 412p. The company, which installs cable equipment.

rise of 15p to 295p.
Sales are booming at Silvermines, where the order intake has surged 40 per cent to £46 million, according to Clem Jansen, managing director. The news came as the group reported a near dou-bling of half-year profits. The shares ended 2p higher at 55p.

News of the losses at Laser-Scan knocked the shares 9p to

The continuing slump in sales of cashmere sales took a toll on half-year figures at Yorklyde, where the price dropped 10p to 145p.

Charles Stanley, the public-ly quoted stockbroker, was ady at 13112p. The news that it is in talks with MeesPierson to acquire its Shaw & Co stockbroking arm came too late to affect the price. 

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices traded in narrow limits for much of the session, with investors rejuctant to commit themselves ahead of today's US employment numbers.

The subdued industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry failed to make much impact with prices closing mixed on the day.
In the futures pit, the De-

cember series of the long gilt finished £110 better at £1141310 in thin trading. Treasury 8 per cent 2021 edged E'32 better to £112516. while Treasury 7.25 per cent

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NEW YORK: Blue chips remained weak in morning trading, with investors biding their time until the August

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### TEMPUS

### Difficult diet

BY RIDDING itself of red meat, Hillsdown hopes to convince investors that it deserves a more fashionable rating. Domestic food producers such as Hazlewood and Hillsdown are the steak and kidney pud of the sector while the likes of Unilever and Cadbury Schweppes have taken on the more fancy allure of saumon en croute. Their respective ratings — multiples of about ten times earnings for Hillsdown while Unilever and Cadbury have shot up to the high teens - have a great deal to do with the current obsession with international stocks. Fund managers are chasing FTSE100 leaders and ignoring the mid-market industrial groups. However, there is more to Hillsdown's lack of style than just size.

Yesterday's presentation to investors was the first in recent memory to have been followed by a share price gain and some

believe that Hillsdown could soon close the rating gap with its big brothers. The new rating gap with its big brouters. The new management is paring down the group to a few businesses with the potential for margin growth. This is not before time as Hillsdown food businesses achieve a return on sale well below par with biscuits and canned goods on margins of less than 4 per cent in the half year, while chilled products, such as salads and sandwiches, made only £7 million on turnover of more than £160 million.

Of course, housebuilding is making hay for Hillsdown with the market approaching the peak of the cycle but that will not help. Even the best housebuilders only just achieve double digit earnings multiples. After a half year of declining food sales, the company needs to show evidence of better margins if

the rating is to improve.

### Amec

AMEC has moved a long way from the trophy-hunting contracting business of the past. The strategy pursued by Peter Mason, chief executive, emphasises long-term outsourcing contracts in preference to stop-go building work. That demonstrates a commitment to better margins as opposed to volume of workload with the encouraging consequence of better cash flow.

Amec achieved a cash inflow of £87 million over the past 12 months: in part a consequence of disposals hut some £40 million came from the business, reflecting better payment terms in the building sector. If today's environment allows contractors to extract funds more quickly from clients, there is every reason to hope that better prices will follow and with it fatter margins. Amec still has its troubles. The German business is still loss-making and investors might rather have seen Amec shed the operations than batten down the hatches.

A good slug of the profit-

ability in the first half came from Amec Rail where margins are growing from greater efficiency. However, cost-

Analysts were also pleased

by the promise of a lower

than expected tax charge for

the next few years and drew

comfort from a return on

capital of 19 per cent on

freehold pubs and 30 per cent

on leasehold outlets. Profits

of £23 million in the current

cheap, but the record sup-

Railtrack, will demand price reductions from the renewal of contracts. Amec shares are only trading at ten times 1998 earnings, but less risky housebuilders are trading at similar multiples and there is the immediate concern for the health of Amec's chief executive.

cutting there has a defensive

element as the customer.



### Wetherspoon

IT IS not often that a company fails to meet City forecasts and sees its shares rise. but JD Wetherspoon is no ordinary company. Its shares have risen ninefold since flotation and with 200 pubs, the ambition of its founder, Tim Martin, to have a 1,000strong chain no longer seems a pipedream.

Wetherspoon's formula of good beer, cheap food and no music seems to work better than the gimmicks of rival themed hostelries. Mr Martin has made a virtue of the non-traditional sites he chooses, often former banks, shops, theatres, cinemas and post offices.

Yesterday's full-year results, though slightly below expectations, came with the news that current like-forlike sales are up an impressive 7 per cent. A new menu

### year suggest that the shares are trading on a multiple of 26 times earnings. Hardly

ports the rating.

Psion SADLY, Psion's ability to put big ideas into small packages is being reflected in the company's share price. In the space of a few months, profit expectations have halved and the value of Psion has fol-

lowed suit. Unfortunately for Psion, it is not enough to come up with clever gadgets; they must be able to sell them introduced in the spring is and its failure on this score

"walking off the shelves", the company failed to address the real issue. There are almost no Series Five on the shelves at all; most of them are waiting to be assembled.

Meanwhile, its soon-to-beoutdated Series Three is gathering dust on the shelf, creating a nasty black hole that is sucking up potential profit at an alarming rate. Hungry punters will not wait forever — many fans are buying other models lest their social lives fall apart as they wait for the brand leader. All told, Psion has squandered the potential to make EII million this year - and it would seem that poor management is to blame. The City is marking the shares higher, hoping that some weird form of gravity defiance will come to the rescue of the owner of a super

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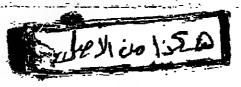
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his is a tough time for economists, especially in Britain. Our profession has long been known as the dismal science, and with good reason. What economists lack in forecasting ability or practical understanding of business, they make up in grim priggishness. When did you last hear a central banker urging people to loosen their belts or a respectable economist (by that adjective I exclude myself) celebrating a reduction in unemployment? To understand the frustration of economists in Britain, consider the introduction to the latest forecasting paper issued by Geof-frey Dicks, the astute chief economist at NatWest Markets.

"Halfway through 1997, and seemingly unnoticed, virtually every final policy indi-cator — output, inflation, unemployment, the balance of payments and the public sector borrowing require-ment — is moving in the right direction. The long-established trade-offs of economics are in abeyance, as rapid growth and falling unemployment co-exist with low inflation and a current account surplus. Is this just a temporary phenomenon, the prod-uct of the benign phase of the economic cycle, or is there more going on?"

Nobody can be certain, but a reasonable answer is the one given by Mr Dicks - a bit of both. On one hand, the British economy has clearly been in a happy phase of the cycle for the past year or two what Americans, who are enjoying an even more favourable economic conjuncture, call the "sweet spot". This is the period when employment and output expand rapidly, but inflation and balance of payments problems are restrained by the spare capacity and reserve army of unemployed workers left behind from the last

Britain is still firmly in this phase, despite the ritual admonitions from the dismal scientists about an inflationary "consumer boom" after Gordon Brown's allegedly soft Budget. People in Britain are spending their money and enjoying their building society windfalls, but not in excess, as yesterday's CBI retail survey confirmed. Retail sales in August were not particularly strong, despite the sunny weather and the payment of the biggest windfall, the one from the Halifax, the month before. Part of this deceleration could no doubt be explained by Britons spending their windfalls on foreign holidays, while foreigners stayed away from 1970 1972 1974 1976 1978 1980 1982 1984 1985 1988 1990 1992 1994 1996 HUT IMPORTS AND EXPORTS REMAIN IN GALANCE Per cent change on a year earlie ... PAIRTLY BECAUSE THE POUND IS STILL WEAKER THAN IN THE 1980+

Britain because of the high pound. It may turn out, however, that a large part of the windfall spending has already taken place and that the months ahead will actually show a satiation of demand for furniture, appliances, cars and other items which people do not buy more than once every few years. If so, there should be no inflationary pressure from the high street. the windfall spending shows no sign of abating and if retailing does rebound after the summer luli - then the Bank of England will no doubt raise interest rates still further, until consumer confidence is finally subdued. At present, it is anybody's guess how British consumers will behave (which, indeed, was a very good reason for the Bank of England to decide on a "pause for reflection" in monetary policy). Either way an inflationary boom seems unlikely next year.

In fact, an economic slowdown seems rather more probable than a boom. As long as the slowdown remains brief and modest, it could prove a healthy pause. sweeping away the last rem-

up for another burst of rapid growth, which would see unemployment fall in the early years of the next decade back to the levels of 3 or 4 per cent last seen in the 1960s. This is obviously the scenario that Gordon Brown dreams of, which is one reason why he has proved such a staunch proponent of central bank independence and fiscal austerity. There is a risk, however, that a deceleration of growth next year could get out of hand, perhaps even tripping the economy into a recession that would see unemployment start to rise. That could prove a disaster for Labour, to say nothing of the people who would lose

There are several reasons why the econo-my could weaken abruptly in the year ahead, apart from the uncertainty over windfall spending Brown could surprise everyone and actually stick to Kenneth Clarke's spending targets, imparting a deflation-

nants of anxiety about infla- ary shock to the economy of tion and setting the country about £5 billion, equivalent to rate of tax. There could be a large stock market correction. Or the Bank of England could go much further in the direction of anti-inflationary overkill, raising interest rates to 7.5 per cent or beyond. The most probable culprit for a slowdown, however, would be the strong pound.

The pound has fallen by 6 per cent since its August peak on the trade-weighted index. The Bank has put on record its assumption that sterling is still overvalued by about 8 per cent and last Sunday Eddie George repeated his contention that sterling's present exchange-rate "is unlikely to be sustainable". But that is no reason to assume Mr George is right. The record of central bankers and finance ministers in forecasting exchange rates is no better than that of City economists. What, then, if the Bank were proved wrong and the pound jumped

back above DM3? The one thing that is certain is that Mr George would not ease monetary policy merely to undermine the pound. If

previous highs, therefore, the upward move might well continue to levels not seen since the mid-1980s, at least against the mark and other European currencies. This could produce one of two

Many exporters and manufacturing companies that had assumed that the present strength of sterling was a temporary aberration could decide to throw in the towel. Instead of trying to hang on to market share by cutting their profit margins, they could accept a drop in sales, lay off workers and drastically reduce their investment programmes. If, domestic consumption were weakening at the same time because of the reversal of the windfall spending effects, the economy could suffer a severe blow.

Alternatively, British man-ufacturers could learn to live with a relatively strong pound. Some companies would doubtless give up or go out of business if they became convinced that the pound would be permanently ensconced above DM3, But many others would remain competitive, even if slightly less profitable than they were in the golden days when the was below DM2.50, Export volumes have so far shown little sign of suffering from the strength of sterling, despite the uniformly grim forebodings picked up by surveys of exporters' confi-

xporters do not like reducing their profit margins to sustain sales, but the statistics suggest that, so far at least, they have been prepared to do this. And there may still be some scope for export profit margins to be cut further. According to figures presented by Goldman Sachs, manufacturers' profit margins are still slightly higher on exports than they are on domestic sales. Margins on both types of production are 10 per cent higher than they were on average in 1990, before the last recession. Such aggregate figures may not say much about the fates of individual exporters, but the high share prices still commanded in the London stock market by export-dependent companies such as British Steel and ICI suggest that life for manufacturers may not be as bad as expected even with the pound worth

DM3 or more. That, then, is the good news: either the pound will fall or, even if it doesn't fall. many British exporters may continue to do quite well. There is, however, a dark side to this happy story. If it turns out that British industry is really more competitive than everyone expected, exports will keep on growing despite the high pound. But what, then, is there to prevent the pound going ever higher — to DM3.20 and beyond — until manufacturers and exporters really are driven to the wall? As I am an economist, by profession if not by inclination, it seems appropriate to end on this dismal note.

# Farewell to the golf course as faceless trading is launched

change and its member firms are in the throes of the biggest upheaval since Big Bang. The introduction of order-driven trading will complete the computerisation started in 1986. Big Bang abolished the trading floor in favour of displaying buy and sell quotes on computer screens.

Trades, however, were still executed by telephone, perpetuating the power of marketmakers, the middlemen who guarantee that clients such as pension funds can buy and sell easily.

In return for providing fiquidity, the market-makers maintain a profitable gap between buy and sell prices, called the dealing spread.

The close relationships beween market-makers and their regular clients, cemented on the golf course, make London an infuriating place for outsiders, it is also

Order-driven trading tackles these complaints by computerising the execution of trades. Buyers and sellers will have their requests listed publicly on an order-book.

These orders sit there, visible to all, until a matching buver or seller is found. The match need not be exact. If someone displays an order to buy 100,000 Barclays shares at £14.40, and a counter-party wants to self 50,000 at the same price, half the order is mopped up. This continues until the whole order is filled or the remnant withdrawn. Order-driven trading in

FTSE 100 stocks, on a system called SETS, starts on October 20, although the first big hurdle is on Sunday, with a widespread technical test of the new systems. Given the importance to the UK of London's position as a global financial centre, it is vital to get it right first time.

Earlier this year, MPs were worried that Stock Exchange proposals were a fudge. Order-driven trading was supposed to accelerate publication of trades, adding transparency to the market. The Exchange's plan allowed for too many delays, MPs said.

In a February grilling that occasionally had the air of a 1950s Communist witch-hunt, Gavin Casey, the Stock ExOrder-driven deals by computer will

renew a revolution that started

with Big Bang, says Adam Jones

change chief executive, was accused of being in thrall to the market-makers, who were blamed for stilling past modernisation attempts.

Mr Casey used to work for Smith New Court, the marketmaker, a fact gleefully brandished by the MPs. Subsequent changes to the

plans have vindicated Mr Casey, and silenced those who doubted that the new system would start on time.

After revisions prompted by a management consultancy review, all trades through the order book will now be published immediately on completion.

Since people are not obliged to use the order book, the Exchange is unsure how much will go through it. Some big trades will be arranged, or worked, privately by brokers to avoid prices moving before completion. About 40 to 50 per cent of trades by value would be consistent with overseas electronic exchanges.

The Exchange says the savings from order-book trading,



Casev: vindicated by changes

be smaller, will soon become

Stock Exchange members are taking it seriously. Tens of millions of pounds have been spent on new dealing terminals. Datastream/ICV has emerged as the most popular supplier. With bigger customers such as BZW and Royalblue, the US investment bank, the Woking company has

deaned up. On Sunday, the data links between the Stock Exchange and members firms will be tested, the first time all have

been plugged in together. On subsequent Saturdays, member firms will join trading rehearsals where their competence will be tested. Those who fail to adequately complete set tasks, which include withdrawing all orders after a disastrous news story breaks, will be barred from trading on October 20.

A clumsy trader who accidentally types an extra zero could mop up every buy or sell order displayed for a stock.

One dealing-desk head foresees radical consequences. Traders must be continually alert, especially as electronic trading is unlikely to observe the lulls and rest breaks currently enjoyed. "I think the liquid lunches are going to disappear." Traders are more likely to leave on the dot. however, as in the US.

The identity of a buyer will only be revealed to the seller when the deal is struck, and vice versa. The worry that a party may not actually have the stock or the money has prompted the Stock Exchange to create a central fund to reimburse losses from price

Despite its facelessness and cartel-breaking rhetoric, electronic trading may make and clients even more important. Institutional investors are considering trading directly in the market. They are not generally members of the Stock Exchange so deals will be made under the banner of a broker.

The broker will be responsible for making sure these satellite trading terminals are not abused. It's the brokers' problem if they don't know their client as well as they should.

### **Ulster TV's directors** play dangerous game

Television, one of the smallest ITV companies, are playing a dangerous game. Led by John McGuckian, the millionaire chairman, they have loaded up on LTIV shares in the hope, it appears, of playing a decisive role in the sector's last takeover play.

Mr McGuckian, who controls Ballinamore, a textiles company, and is chairman of Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board, recently paid £8.4 million for four million UTV shares at 210p.

The purchase raised his stake to about 9 per cent, making him the company's second-biggest shareholder. The other directors bought lesser amounts. The biggest shareholder is Scottish Media,

sonal publicity. Wriglesworth having

hacked out for himself something of a

speciality niche as an expert on build-

ing societies well before the rest of the City took any interest in the

Rodrigues - he is staying until Octo-

ber and will thereafter act for the so-

ciety as a consultant - but concedes

his role was reduced when his new

boss decided that he would be the so-

ciety's public face. Just a bit. I hear

chief executive. "I do."

Wriglesworth denies any rift with

Dawn raids boosted Scottish Media's UTV holding to 18.2 per cent and the group wants to go to 29 per cent. Scottish Media's purchases

were interpreted as a "hands

off" sign to the big three ITV

da and United News & Media which have been gobbling up small ITV franchises. The purchases by the UTV directors were interpreted as a

get-rich-quick scheme. The one flaw in the scenario is that there is no sign of a contested UTV may be highly regard-

ed for its programming, but it is a minnow. With an estimated 1.1 per cent of the total television viewing audience and 2 per cent of ITV's advertising revenue, sticking UTV into your TV portfolio will not exactly catapult you into the media big league.

Furthermore, synergies as-sociated with owning several ITV operations have been exaggerated. Analysts say that putting Scottish Media and UTV together would not gen-

erate significant cost savings. Scottish Media argues that controlling an extra 2 per cent is better than nothing, especially when it is trying to create a regional broadcaster with some chance of offsetting the

Andrew Flanagan, managing director, says: "We don't want a situation where UTV is taken over by someone else Having two voices in the ITV market is better than one."

Officially, the UTV directors snapped up shares to signal their "confidence" in the future of the company. Unofficially, this means they are confident of a sale at a high price. John McCann, UTV's general manager, said: "We don't care whether we're part of Scottish. Carlton, Granada or United."

the directors should not get their hopes up. Scot-tish Media has signalled it has no intention of buying shares above its previous purchase prices - the shares were trading yesterday at about 235p - and may not launch an offer for some time, if ever, And no other ITV company has shown interest in UTV.

The reality is that UTV stands every chance of re-maining independent until there is a permanent peace in Northern Ireland. Until there is, political pressure will ensure that no British or Irish company will be allowed to own Northern Ireland's only home-grown broadcaster.

**ERIC REGULY** 

### Mr Yorkshire

THE sad news reaches me of the sudden death at 56 of one of the City's real characters, Patrick O'Reilly. managing director of corporate broking at Charterhouse Tilney. He was taken ill over lunch on a business trip to Yorkshire on Tuesday and died in hospital in Pontefract on Wednesday afternoon, The cause of death is not yet clear, but it appears he suffered a heart attack.

He joined Charterhouse last year after 24 years at Panmure Gordon. where he became known as "Mr Yorkshire" for his work in bringing firms there to the market - his



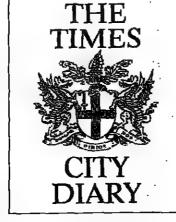
flotations included Spring Ram and Polypipe, the firm he was visiting when he was taken ill. Our sympathies go out to his widow, Georgina, and daughter. Kathryn, who were by his bedside at the end.

□ GEORGE GREENER, a Geordie, as it happens, arrived as chief executive of Hillsdown Holdings last summer. Hillsdown watchers are wondering whether he brought anything with him. The food group's chickens have been stricken. at a cost of £2.5 million, by a fatal virus. It is called Newcastle disease.

### **Building works**

I HEAR Canary Wharf may be heading for a welcome boost, the first new building to be started there since before the election. Credit Suisse First Boston, already a tenant down river. is in talks with the operating company about extending its offices. This would require a new building next door to the institution's existing premises at 1 Cabot Square, into which some of its growing workforce would be decanted. A firm contract to build 20 Columbus Courtyard could be signed within the next couple of

The last new development to be



signed up was the 50,000 sq m Citibank building, designed by Sir Norman Foster and set for completion by the end of 1999, where work started in February. Meanwhile, talks continue between Canary Wharf and the super-SIB, which is interested in 25 The Colonnades, next door to Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Again, expect a decision soon - I understand that if he decides to take the site. Howard Davies's plans for the new body are to start to move in the various junior regulators next spring and have them all under one roof by the end of the year. First, of course, he has to find a name for the brute.

DAS KEN CLARKE mulls over an offer to become a director of Nottingham Forest, a touching story reaches Both men share a fondness for per-

me of his dedication to the football club, even in the most trying times. Notis Forest met Queens Park Rangers last weekend, and Ken and Sir Terry Burns, head of the Treasury and a QPR director, were both there. A previous match, at QPR's Loftus Road ground, fell on the afternoon of February 20, 1995, a date well-remembered in the City as the day Barings Bank collapsed. Clarke, as Chancellor, rushed to

the Bank of England for crisis meetings. Also there was Sir Terry. At close to 2pm Sir Terry looked at his watch. He turned to the Chancellor and asked: "Are we doing anything useful here?" "I don't think so," said Clarke, showing rare self-knowledge for a politician. "Let's go to the match then," said the Treasury mandarin. And off they went.

### Going solo JOHN WRIGLESWORTH, the for-

mer UBS analyst and building society expert who joined the Bradford & Bingley three years ago, is quitting as director of marketing to start his own consultancy. The departure of the man who became known at the mouthpiece of mutuality - and who used to refer to converting societies, some of whom will now presumably be courted as clients, as "mutants" comes after the arrival at the B&B last summer as chief executive of Christopher Rodrigues, fresh from being kicked out of Thomas Cook.

that shortly after Rodrigues arrived. he turned to Wriglesworth and asked: "And what do you do?" "I talk to the press," said Wriglesworth proudly. "No you don't," said the new

Clarke: Nottingham Forest fan

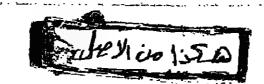
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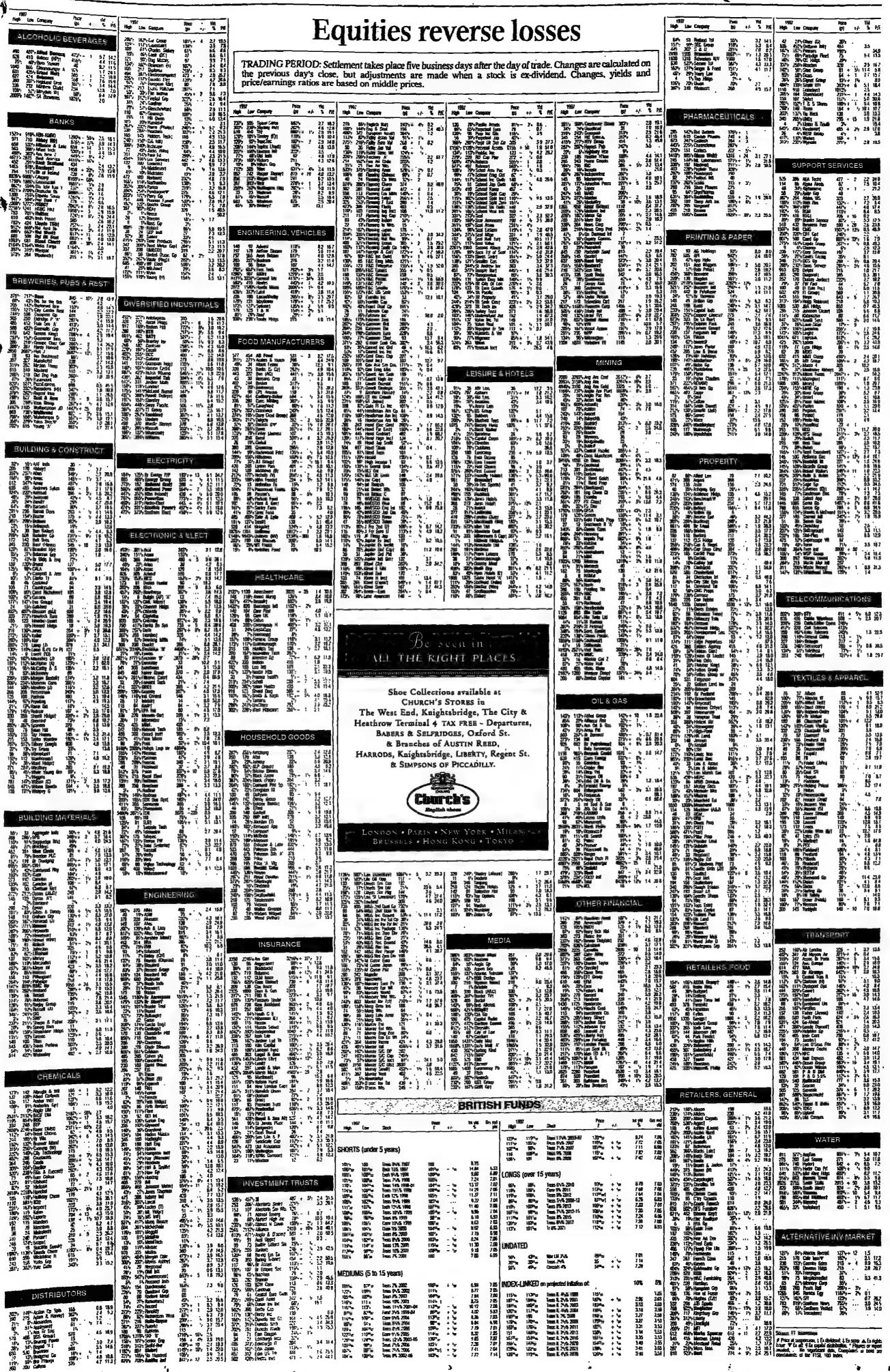
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and I am surprised that it crept into the papers at all in

this monothematic week. But it

made me smile because, as usual

with grand sociological surveys

conducted by earnest academics, it

only confirmed what anybody

with a shred of commonsense

knows anyway. Music is good for

you. To be more specific, amateur music-making makes you better at

your day job. Dust off that ancient

french horn, ladies. Give the old

vocal tubes a run-out in the next

singsong at the Ferret and Futon,

fellers. And then demand a pay

rise. After all, your boss is going to

reap the benefits of the New You!

To be brutally truthful, the

research in the Journal of the

American Medical Association

only refers to doctors. Their diag-

nostic skills, it seems, are greatly

enhanced by regular music-mak-

ing. But when did this column ever

allow literal truth to usurp sweep-

ing generalisation? As far as I am

concerned, the case is proven.

Hobbies keep you sane. And the arts offer the safest hobbies. Sport

makes you tired. Fish can bite

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# If you want to get a life, get a hobby

bitterness. I know. I fought in the Great Hedge War of Hendon.

But why do I need to press the case for what used to be called the rounded life"? Isn't it obvious that people consumed by their jobs sooner or later lose their marbles. their bearings and their families, not necessarily in that order? Well, apparently not. More and more of us are becoming work-bores. Only three things seem to matter: career, career and career.

It isn't hard to find reasons for this constricting myopia. The "hobbies waste time" tyranny starts in schools. Fear of a bad showing in the league tables squeezes out "inessentials": choirs, art clubs, drama societies.

Then comes college, Twenty years ago, that meant eight carefree terms of putting on The Duchess of Malfi, writing terribly radical things in the student mag and planning how to lift a Mini onto the Senate House roof — followed by one term of swotting. Today, students hardly dare lift their eyes from the dusty tome.

And finally there's working life. Once it was a way of earning money. Now, it is expected to devour all waking moments. If it doesn't, you're slacking.

Of course, people do still have leave the property of course.

leisure time. But colossal amounts of money are spent persuading us to fritter it away passively consuming other people's creative efforts films, television, videos, CDs rather than doing our own thing. Add to that the stigma of the word "amateur". The original sense — somebody who does something for love — has completely gone. Now it simply means duff Add in our world of stiffing

duff. And in our world of stilling specialisation people are made to feel that if they can't do something well they shouldn't do it at all. That's especially true in the arts.

IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

sional musicians, writers and actors have a vested interest in pouring scorn on amateurs, as they have done since the days of Shaw [hell is full of musical amateurs"). Their jobs depend on preserving their mystique. One can understand why profes-

But it pains me when arts

journalists, who should report culture in all its rich diversity. persistently ignore the voluntary sector, even when innovative work is coming out of it. They perpetuate the myth that amateur arts are largely for the retired and the retarded. Absolute tosh. Some 75 per cent of all wind band players are under 30 - and that means hundreds of thousands of instrumentalists. More than 350 groups belong to the National Association of Youth Theatres. In fact, the age group most connected with amateur arts is the 16-19s. Only later does the stigma of being "amaseem to dampen enthusiasm.

fter years of snobbishly ignoring amateurs, the Arts Council changed its tune last year. That was pure expediency, of course, after it was castigated for stuffing E78 million of lottery dosh into the pockets of those destitutes in the Covent Garden

THEATRE: David Hare gives us Shaw's brilliant arguments, but not his despair. Plus a Sixties take on Carmen

lead to Arts for Everyone, which has since channelled lottery funds

to hundreds of amateur groups.

Naturally. Arts for Everyone has been deeply resented by the professionals, and when the lottery funding to the Arts Council is squeezed to pay for the "sixth good cause", you can bet that the amateurs will be the first to be banished from High Table. Even so, the influx of millions of pounds into the amateur world has already had a galvanising effect.

What's more, the interaction between the more enlightened professionals and the amateurs particularly in the youth field - is producing amazing results, quite beyond what pros or ams achieve themselves. I think, for instance, of last April's Miracles London's worst estates performing brilliantly at the Albert Hall. To adopt a famous charity slogan:

buy a child a concert ticket and you amuse him for an evening (if you are lucky); teach him to sing and

you inspire him for life. Clearly there are immense social benefits from a thriving voluntary scene. But that is not my main concern. It's the thrill that people get from exploring that part of their psyches normally suppressed in their working lives which is most important. The smell of the greasepaint really can liberate it isn't coincidence that the three most popular dramas among amateurs (Stepping Out. Chorus of Disapproval and Noises Off) are all plays about putting on plays.

The opportunities for participation have never been greater. But first we need to loosen up. Timothy Leary's stirring injunction - "turn on, tune in drop out" - was wasted on Sixties hippies: they already had. Today, too few dare, even for an hour a week. Yet civilised people are defined by their hinterlands. Find a hobby, and you are on the road to finding a life. And, of course, to a pay rise. · Week in the Arts will now appear

### Elegance in residence

hat with Ike in the White House and Patti Page 1999 Patti Page trilling about doggies in shop windows, the 1950s - or at least the non-rock'n'roll portion thereof - has never been the most fashionable of eras. Yet Richard Rodney Bennett and that most urbane of singers. Mary Cleere Haran, can always be relied upon to seek out the treasure amid the dross. Their elegantly constructed show, An Affair To Remember, resembles a perfectly preserved time capsule of age-of-

innocence popular culture. Growing up in San Francisco in the Sixties, Haran absorbed the values of the Eisenhower decade by watching re-runs of films on television while she was babysitting. What you get, then, is a waspish yet ultimately affectionate view of the period as viewed through a Cinema-Scope lens.

It would have been the easiest thing in the world to reduce the whole programme to one long wallow in kitsch and clever Nineties irony. Haran is much more romantic and observant than that.

So when we hear her sing How Long Has This Been Going On? it is with an echo of the tremulous diction of Audrey Hepburn, Left Bank bohemian turned model in Funny Face. With A Song In My Heart arrives in the glittering tones of Doris Day, a er whose gifts have beer unfairly overshadowed by all

Live and

picking

Tim Rose

12 Bar Club, WC2

IN the Sixties there were three

folky American troubadours

all called Tim. There was the

elfin, ethereal Buckley and the

world-weary Hardin, both of

whom died tragically young

from drug overdoses. Then

there was Tim Rose, the one

who survived, and who is so

fed up with people telling him

they thought he was dead that

he now jokes, like Mark

Twain, about reports of his

demise being exaggerated.

Inevitably the next question

is: "Where have you been for the past three decades?" That

is a long story, taking in a spell

as a Wall Street stockbroker, a

stint as a self-confessed alco-

holic and time spent writing

television jingles. Now the

man who wrote such immor-

CABARET Haran and Pizza On The Park

the cynical wisecracks about the virgin next door.

Haran herself does not shy away from broad humour. Even more than her shows dedicated to Dorothy Fields and Lorenz Hart, the programme allows ample room for her acerbic one-liners. An accomplished mimic, she indulges in a rambunctious impersonation of a tipsy Rosalind Russell and a gloriously over-the-top imitation of a seething Lana Turner. When. as Peggy Lee, she purrs He's A Tramp, it is difficult to resist joining in with a chorus of howling Disney dogs.

Only the Marilyn Monroe sequence seemed a little predictable. But Bennett's piano accompaniment, spinning ethereal counter-melodies. proved as atmospheric as a battalion of MGM strings. Haran is not a big, knock 'em dead singer, but the subtle dynamics and immaculate phrasing turn any ballad into an intimate, one-to-one conversation. She and Bennett who has an all too short solo vocal spot halfway through the first set - will be in residence until Sepember 20.

was responsible for the ar-

Hey Joe is back with a new album, Haunted, due out next

month, and a collaboration

with Nick Cave in the pipeline. This tiny, intimate folk club off Denmark Street was the perfect setting for Rose's re-

turn. His voice has lost none of

its gritty rasp, and he ham-

mered his acoustic guitar and

growled his way through his

best-known songs and a few

delivery were compelling.

Welcome back.

tal songs as Morning Dewand NIGEL WILLIAMSON

CLIVE DAVIS



# A softer centre to apocalypse now?

new ones, holding his audience spellbound for an hour and a half. Ably supported by Micky Wynne on second gui-tar, Rose's classic folk- and spent much of his career writing blues-picking and powerful state-of-England Rose's stories are almost as plays - meaning drama in which the characters represent important as the songs they punctuate. The best concerned some aspects of our nation and an unknown Bob Dylan offerruminate about others - and ing him Don't Think Twice. so it is hardly surprising to It's All Right and Rose turning find him directing the fons et origo of the genre. He makes a fine job of it, too, neglecting it down because he thought it rambled. With delightful irony he played a few rejected none of the wit and colour to bars and then went straight be found in Shaw's portrayal into his own Come Away of the greedy, smug, feckless. Melinda, a melodramatic lovelorn, conventional and impost-holocaust scenario that is potently angry. Yet he ignores perhaps the best Sixties proa dimension — the bitterness test song Dylan didn't write. of Shaw's view of what he saw

as a national death-wish. As Michael Holroyd points out in a programme note, wrote Heartbreak House in 1916, part of it in a Sussex garden where he could hear both the chattering of the Woolfs and the third of the guns at the Somme. This is the incongruity and contradiction at the play's centre. When

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Feedback on Radio 4 should

people opt out of their responsibilities. thus ceding philistines.

what hope is there of England surviving at all? Here, the cultured include both Peter McEnery's spe-ciously Byronic dashingly ineffective Hector Hushabye and his siren-wife. Penelope Wilton's smiling, self-satisfied Hesione, who gorges men as indolently as a cat lapping up cream. At the head of the philistines are John Bowe's hefty, scowling Mangan, the City magnate who has grown powerful by taking risks with other people's money, and Patricia Hodge's sublimely arrogant Ariadne Utterword, the

colonial lady for whom the

good life is a stable full of

horses. With Emma Fielding

bringing warmth and finesse to the role of Ellie Dunn, the

Almeida

to a go-getting opportunist and beyond, the women are particularly well played. she ends by making an odd, symbolic bond with her host and Hesione and Ariadne's

evolves in the

course of a day

from a ner-

**VUUS INGENUE** 

Ellie is important because father, the retired sailor Shotover. And since Shaw nimself clearly identifies with this eccentric guru and aging revolutionary, this has some times been seen as a hopeful marriage between Shavian wisdom and youthful vitality. But things aren't so simple. Shotover must deliver the harshest words Shaw ever wrote: "The captain is in his bunk drinking bottled ditchwater, the crew is gambling in the forecastle, the ship will strike and sink and solit

England because you were born in it?" And Ellie must welcome the aircraft that roar overhead, dropping bombs that may destroy Heartbreak

House, alias England. At this denouement Hare comes up with big bangs, glaring white light, agog faces et al: yet the apocalyptic feel is missing. Is this because Richard Griffiths's Shotover comes across more as a large, likeable teddy-bear than as the Jeremiah of an almost masochistically self-destructive civilisation? Or because there has been too little danger in the atmosphere? Or because we ourselves aren't feeling especially apocalyptic at the moment? As it is. Hare gives us Shavian argument at its most brilliantly beguiling, but not that much rarer commodity: Shavian despair.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

### Mod matador

CLASSIC FM used to play highlights from Carmen so often they could have driven audiences away from Bizet for ever. Bob Carlton attacks the opera along a different front. After relocating the four main characters to Britain's Swinging Sixties, he attempts to illustrate their story with hits

of the period. In place of Carmen's cigarette factory we have the Rover car plant at Longbridge, where drippy Don Joseph, fresh from his A levels, first sees the magnetic Kathleen Karmen. "There's a bit of the gyppo in her," his best friend warns. In fact she sounds pure Irish, but she does toss her shoulders in a manner that, in the theatre, always means: "('m a wild cat!"

Sure enough, the constantly apologising Don, a neat linle Mod if anything so precise, isn't her style for more than a night. Her eye lingers on the leather-jacketed leader of the rock group. Marty and the Mutadors, and off she goes with him to London.

Carlton wrote Return To The Forbidden Planet, which makes him therefore the man we should blame for the myriad compilation shows

Birmingham Rep that have followed it on to the didn't take itself too seriously.

Keep On Running

stage these past seven years. Planet was fun because it and the songs were drawn from all over the shop. But because Cariton's new show begins and ends in Birmingham, where the Spencer Davis Group, the Move and the Moody Blues come from, their music predominates, and far too many of the songs offer the same hard, hammering beat

The sameness would matter less if the story line was even a tenth as coherent and convincing as Bizet's. Except for Karmen's response to the glamorous Marty (Kevin Pallister), we see no reason why the characters should blight their lives in endlessly unrequited love. What the music of opera can achieve. that of the hit parade seldom approaches. Isn't Life Strange? Is woefully insufficient as a comment on a

murdered body. Josephine Baird, the everhopeful Michelle, has a pure and passionate voice that deals strongly with the pain of Every Little Bit Hurts. Kate O'Sullivan's Karmen, however, is too demonstratively seductive for a character who should seduce without even trying. Ben Fox's Don J. does nut compel attention to his predicament, though Carlton gives him a wretched charac-

ter to inhabit. Though the period details are sometimes amusing, all of them suffer from looking staged. The twist is danced as sedutely as a gavone. The light-show scene packs in every flower-power cliché. But the primary failure is the music even when the words of a title are appropriate, the body of the song and the character of the singer seldom

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# Talking to strangers

be interesting. The subject of the week left the radio networks on a hiding to nothing. If on Sunday they went over wholly to the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, they were accused of overdoing it, and if they did not they were accused of insensitivity.

Most of them did the right thing by putting themselves in the former camp, but at least one station, Radio I. made the curious decision to abandon its normal programming but not take the out and out Diana coverage which was being transmitted. on Sunday morning, on Radios 2, 3, 4 and 5 Live.

This combination of reac-

tions produced a most interesting response. A number of Radio 3 listeners were furious that serious music had been abandoned in favour of talk, whereas some Radio I listeners could not understand why

4) were stunned and greatly

By Tuesday there was an opportunity to exploit a calmer atmosphere and listen to ordinary people. Here. there arose not so much a difference of opinion as a difference of emphasis. The vast majority of callers to Call Diana Madill (Radio

RADIO

saddened by the loss. A telephone is an impersonal object yet the warmth of many of these calls was greatly moving. My coileague Anthony Howard was the studio guest and he was clearly impressed by some of the thoughts advanced on the air: it was this programme that brought forward demands for a memorial fund.

On the other side of the

chasm there were people

whose preoccupation was

blame. This is very British. We believe that all events have a rational explanation which will produce a culprit. Thus the paparazzi, the wider press, the driver ... all had heir telephonic prosecutors.

The same scapegoats were being identified on Radio 5 Live, where a phone-in segment of The Magazine, presented by Brian Hayes, runs simultaneously with Call Di-ana Madill, Callers to Scott Chisholm on Talk Radio apportioned blame

equal certainty. Yet very few of these callers rational, measured, certainly sad. One felt that the process of grieving now included, in this modern age, telephoning a radio station. And it made sense. Talking through such a death with a friend or neighbour is not much use, for they are likely to be

were vitriolic. They were

feeling the same as us. Therefore the answer was telephone someone the caller had never met. Madill, Hayes, Chisholm and others have, this week, been the nation's grief counsellors. The Princess, given her re-markable ability to comfort strangers, would have understood perfectly.

PETER BARNARD

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PETER BRINGS

# Against the current and in the mainstream

For Roni Size and his drum and bass army, winning the 1997 Mercury Music Prize is a means to an end, writes David Sinclair

aturally, there was sur-prise and delight on the faces of Roni Size and his group Reprazent when they won the Mercury Music Prize last week for their album Newforms. In doing so they had triumphed over such commercially successful and critically approved heavyweights as Radiohead and Prodigy. But, as the dust settles, it is becoming apparent that Reprazent's victory was a landmark in more ways than one.

If was the first time that a rank outsider had won the Mercury Prize, a genuinely impressive achievement, thanks to the scrupulous care with which the judging panel has avoided the pitfall of producing a string of token "alter-native" winners throughout the sixyear history of the award (past winners include Pulp, Suede and

But it was also the moment at which the revolutionary new form of British dance music called drum and bass achieved a crucial measure of mainstream credibility. This award has sent out a signal to the industry and to the people that this is a serious music," Size says, with the air of a man who is as keen to spread the gospel of drum and bass as to promote his own record. "We've been fighting for this music for a long, long time. We've had to work hard at making it more accessible, and there have been times when we wondered if anybody understood what we were

More popularly known in its early days as jungle music, drum

England, where its nimble, rapidly mutating, dub rhythmic patterns offered a more challenging alternative to the thud of house and techno. With Newforms, Size and his likeminded gang of producer/DJs and vocalists have expanded drum and bass to embrace other musical strands including funk, soul, rap, rave and breakbeat. The result is music that sounds smart, inviting and streetwise, but with a core integrity that is rare in these retro-

> **6** The award has sent out a signal that this is a serious music 9

influenced times. Often instrumental, sometimes even mellifluous. Newforms is a kind of modern jazz for the 1990s.

Sitting in his record company's offices, his long dreadlocks ried back over his Adidas sports top, Size talks in rapid, passionate bursts of his lifelong passion for music. An innovative composer and producer, he is one of the growing breed of musicians who work in a way that is far removed from traditional notions

"I'm not really that musical," he

says. "I never really wanted to play a musical instrument. None of us did. In school I couldn't even write a straight sentence and put capitals in the right place, let alone write music on paper. That didn't make sense to me. Music is something that you hear. But when computers came out I realised you could start making music on them." Now 27, Size was born in Bristol

of expatriate Jamaican parents. and began his apprenticeship by hanging out in his brother's recording studio which he helped to build in a council house. Like so many of his generation, the first piece of musical equipment he procured for his own use was a sampler. The first record he recalls lifting a sample from was the old Rufus Thomas song Do the Funky Chick-en, and the use of sounds and snippets from other records, identifiable or not, remains an essential part of his craft. "We will always sample records," he says. "I'll also sample a squeaking chair or an air conditioner; that's what we're about, that's where we come from."

or Size, the business of playing a conventional instrument is merely the beginning of a much longer process in which the line dividing art and technology has become irretrievably blurred. "I get a drummer into the studio. I record the drummer. I put the bass, tops and snare on to several outputs. [1] mix those down on to another tape. Put them into a sampler. Chop it up into 20 different parts, add some more processing, put it back down on to a tape with a groove, with a rhythm, re-sample it back, put



The newly honoured Krust (left) and Roni Size of Reprazent: "We've been fighting for this music for a long, long time." Size says

some more effects on it . . . It's still a live drum, but it's just been processed. D'you know what I

But if this seems a rather complicated and isolated way to work, Size is keen to point out that in the case of Reprazent, the opposite is true, Many of the ideas for songs emerge from studio sessions spent bouncing sounds and rhythms around between the various members of the group, and his conversation is peppered with unstinting praise for his fellow DJs

Die and Suv. MC Dynamite and his closest collaborator DJ Krust, who accompanied him on the

Krust, 29, who was also born in Bristol of Jamaican parents, used to be a member of the group Fresh 4, who enjoyed a brief flush of success in 1989 with the Top Ten hit Wishing on a Star. He and Size met when they both applied for the same council-funded music producing/youth leader job. Together they formed the nucleus of Full Cycle in 1992, and this remains a

separate group identity and record label for their hardcore music and club DJ-ing activities. Having signed to Talkin' Loud Records at the end of 1995, Size formally adopted the name Reprazent for his first recording project and added drummer Clive Deemer, singer Onallee and bass player Si John to what is otherwise, in essence, the

Full Cycle collective. Rather like jazz acts, the various line-ups and names are kept fluid, allowing maximum freedom for the musicians involved and plenty of

Mingus Three

room for confusion among the resi

Size rather bridles at the suggestion that Reprazent is not a real group so much as a one-off project with a potentially limited lifespan. "A lot of people are trying to read the book before it's even been written," he says. "We've only just finished the introduction. Today is

• Newforms by Roni Size/Reprozent is released on Talkin' Loud/Mercury. The band play Victoria Park, London E9 (0171-287 0932) on Sept 12 and 13

### NEW ALBUMS: Even a hit single fails to soften Chumbawamba's agit-prop; plus, a fresh appraisal of Charles Mingus, 1957 vintage

wart Jello Biafra on Every

Home a Prison lends the

project a patina of socio-

political relevance, as do the

Chumbawamba territory by

listing the contact addresses of

a vast array of environmental

pressure groups. And Noah's

Toilet, featuring the sultry vocalese of one Salena Saliva.

offers an amusingly jaundiced

view of the social habits of the beautiful folk who go to places

where the famous get so out of their face/They die of fatal

cocktails, all chemically

The album comes with a CD-Rom that offers an odd

assortment of jerky video clips

and abstract designs punctuated by meaningless, floating

slogans. The best feature is a

neat interactive item called My

Little Funkit which allows you

to mix a selection of break-

beats on to a dinky funk

rhythm track. Budding DJs

AT THE end of a summer

during which the singles chart

has been dominated by the

Puff Daddy mafia, it is easy to

forget just how little commer-cial success the gangsta rap fraternity enjoyed in Britain

prior to the release of Coolio's

But although the trick of

combining tough-guy vocalese

with an easily remembered

soul motif is now common-

place. Coolio still exudes a cool

authority and sure-footed mu-

sical flair that sets him apart

from the crowd on his third

The collection is flagged by

the hit single CU When U Get

There, a morality rap set to a

beguiling adaptation of Pach-

elbel's Canon in D, which is

surely the most unequivocal

recantation of traditional

gangsta values ever recorded.

You've got to face responsi-

bility one day, brother," Coolio

insists and, as a married man

in his mid-thirties with seven

children, he knows what he is

That said, there is still

sufficient menace in the cool.

tongue-twisting rhymes of Hit

Em and The Devil is Dope to

earn him an "Explicit Con-

tent" warning sticker, the con-

sumer protection device

without which no self-respect-

ing rap album would be seen

talking about.

Gangsta's

groundbreaking

Paradise in 1995

album, My Soul.

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step this way.

COOLIO

My Soul

sleeve notes which stray into

# Top of the po-faced

Tubthumper

(EMI 7243 8 59455 £13.99) WITH Tubthumping, their rowdy, singalong hit, Chumbawamba, like the Levellers before them, successfully closed the musical circle between the anarchist campfire gathering and the rugby club

However, Tubthumper, the song's host album, adopts a far more earnest tone while encompassing a bewildering hotch-potch of musical styles ranging from the disco groove of Outsider to the heavy metal

riffing of Mary Mary.

Typical of the pious mood is One by One, a hymn-like song dedicated "to the striking Liverpool dockers", which starts: "Pontius Pilate came to our town/Up to the dockyards to see the picket line".

The sleeve notes are liberally augmented with quotes from such noted political thinkers as Leo Tolstoy and John Pilger, while the songs themselves sternly address a shopping list of social issues including racism (Scapegoaf), class differences if Want More). homophobia (Smalltown), homelessness (The Big Issuel and so forth.

More polemic than pop Tubthumper is an album which also suffers from a depressing lack of poetic wit and, in stark contrast to the hit single, any vestige of humour.

PETER BRUNTNELL Camelot in Smithereens (Almo Sounds ALMCD14

AN up-and-coming singer, guitarist and songwriter from Wales, Peter Bruntnell earned encouraging reviews in roughly inverse proportion to eventual sales of his debut album, Cannibal, released last year.

The follow-up, Camelot in Smithereens, should help him to become more firmly established although, rather as with the early Babybird albums, the appeal of Brunmell's songwriting and hourse singing style tends to be obscured by the cheap production and his over-enthusiastic use of the soft song/loud song trick.

He is at his best on the title track, a revving, pop-rock tune with a killer chorus, and Have You Seen that Girl Again, an acidic love song that betrays a mild Beatles influence. Some-

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Do not be misled by the cheery chanting on the hit single, Tubthumping: Chumbawamba take life very seriously

one should give this man a proper recording budget so he can show us what he is really

COLDCUT

Let us Play! (Ninja Tune/Vital 5 021392 150123; two discs £13.49) STILL best known for their part in launching the careers of Lisa Stansfield and Yazz, the production/DJ team of Jonathan More and Matt Black seems to have rather fallen by the wayside in recent years, outflanked by the big beats of the techno mob on the

one hand and the ultra-mini-

While Let Us Play! does not exactly put them back at the cutting edge of 1990s electronica, it is an imaginative and at times brilliantly crafted collection of grooves ranging from the jazz-funk gin and Space Journey to the bient washes of Music 4 No

TOP TEN ALBUMS

Be Here Now. White on Blonde OK Computer......The Fat of the Land Mouth to Mouth .... Calling all Stations Always on my Mind Blurring the Edges Backstreet's Back ■ Figure in brackets dentitos last week's paska Copyright CIN

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Oasis (Creation) ... Texas (Mercury) Radiohead (Parlophone) Prodigy (XL Recordings) Levellers (China) .....Genesis (Virgin) Elvis Presley (RCA) Backstreet Boys (Jive)

(or purchased?). DAVID SINCLAIR

HENRY THREADGILL & MAKE A MOVE

THE instrumentation on this quintet album -- leader/ composer Henry Threadgill's alto electric and classical guitars, Tony Cedras's accordion and harmonium, Stomu Takeishi's five-string fretless bass and J.T. Lewis's drums — would be remarkable for anyone other

than Threadgill. His previous groups, however, have all drawn — with-out a whiff of affectation — on various combinations of tubas, cellos and his own saxophones and flutes. By the Different strokes

his 1970s trio Air onwards, has always privileged timbre and texture over straightforward swing. This album, though. does swing; rock beats, darkly swirling, swampy shuffles and even an arresting mix of ggae and tango are all skilfully exploited to produce one of the most dramatically imaginative - and accessible

distinguished career.

beyond Jewish."

recordings of Threadgill's

ly absorbing recording catches Charles Mingus in rare trio pianist Hampton For Hawes, however, the format was his natural environment.

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and his characteristic combination of heart-on-sleeve lyri-

ful preview of that album's

Dizzy Moods - this thorough-

cism and hard-edged funk (before the term was popularised) is tellingly complemented by his leader's emotionally expansive, intensely personal, uniquely virtuosic bass playing, and by the RECORDED in 1957, just briskly assertive drumming of before the bassist/composer's the latter's inseparable musimasterful Tiluana Moods - it cal partner, Dannie Richcontains an intriguing, gracemond.

The trio's extraordinary amuleamation of Laura and Tea for Two is worth the admission price alone, but this album, almost playfully idiosyncratic yet uncompromisingly tough, is an unalloyed treat throughout.

CHRIS PARKER

Edwyn Collins says his new album is 'fantastic'. He's right, bless him

# Rock god under the skin

e wrote A Girl Like
You, an amazing
song that made his song that made him his fortune, and helped to set up a home studio that feels like a beach hut, perched at the top of a ladder and filled with charity-shop jigsaws

and his son's toys. Although he says the song sprang from the "collective unconsciousness". like

Paddy McAloon from Prefab Sprout's songs do, he giggles in agreement when you say he must now be sick of it. After all - a whole *year* miming it on European pop shows. where

people dressed as tomatoes and bananas dance bethings differently on the Continent)

That was the fun part, actually," he giggles again. Edwyn Collins, for it is he. calls it A Bird Like You, and we don't need to refer to it any more. "I spent nearly two years

touring the world with it. which was fantastic," he says, removing a Fisher Price keyboard from the sofa and sipping a cup of tea. "Kuala Lumpur, for example. A very interesting place. It's not quite Muslim fundamentalism, but ... it's quite heavy. If they catch two kids checking into a hotel room, the people on the desk feel it's their duty to alert the police who'll either force them to marry, or

give them 50 lashes, "They'd just banned Barry Manilow from coming into the country but they were

Following You." He's not lying about the Gershwin and Sondheim

CAITLIN MORAN

"fantastic", either. Some or all of the tives and phrases

may be used to describe I'm Not Following You: intelligent, confident, widely read, compassionate, tied to no particular genre, rammed with guitar licks that will light your stereo in a nuclear

hind you. (Well, they do fashion, and brimming with the magical musical brew-juices that make your brain shimmer with delight. In an album full of classics,

it's hard to pick out highlights. Perhaps It's a Steal, wherein this Scottish Calvinist white boy gets as near as he's ever going to to recording a slow jam? Or the Cream-like, wired lament of Downer? Or the headspinning fury of the next single. Adidas World? This is a song that does not sound as though it was written by a man with 15 years in the music industry behind him. It sounds like a fidgety. raging crew of 19-year-olds on their second astonishing single, Collins sounds as if he is clawing his way out of a suffocating plastic hag of

advertising "Oh thank you," he glows. "I wanted that. What very



Edwyn Collins: "A committed vocal performance is metaphysical, it connects with your brain immediately

few hands seem to understand is that production and instrumentation and whatever aren't what make a great record at all - it's the song. obviously, and the perfor-

"A committed vocal performance is Esperanto, it's metaphysical, it just connects with your brain immediately. So with Adidas World I went straight in to record vocals as soon as I'd finished writing the third verse. I didn't want to get to the point where I really understood what I'd written, because then you're trying to convey the words, rather than the emotion." Sadly, it's not even produc-

tion that most people are impressed by, it's good looks and marketing. But, on a tiny independent label, a man who looks like a cross between Martin Clunes and Ian Hislop has recorded one of the albums of the year. Let's hope the first two facts don't camouflage the third.

• I'm Not Following You is out now on Setanta Records. Adidas World will be released on Sept 29

NO SATURDAY MATINEE NO SATURDAY MATINEE

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Martin's, Strand, Vaudevilla, Young Vic.
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performance of A Stutt in Connermara is
cancelled, The Beauty Queen of
Leenane is moved to 4pm, with the
evening performance of The Lonesome
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**CLOSED SATURDAY** British Library Gallenes (all reading libraries closed), Chris Beetles, Gallery West, National Portrait Readem, Serpentine, Natural History Museum

OPEN AFTERNOON ONLY Barbican Centre, British Museum, Camden Aris Centro Design Museum, The Ice House, Museum of London rearure in Absuraction, Nebecca Hossack, Royal Academy, Shamana, Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank Centre Tale, Victoria and Albert

BUSINESS AS NORMAL Albery Apollo, Cornedy, Criterion. Donmar Warehouse Gate, Llewellyn

D BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Disney's firm turned into a hit Broadway musical Julio-Alanah Brighten and Alasdar Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Dereir Griffiths and Norman Rossington Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1

CANTENBUTY TALES NAW version by Richard Hope of what the Miler, the Knight, the Reeve and the Participer rotal confection by John Congrave Probably not unfouched by inachromen New End, 27 New End, Hampelead, NW3 (0171-794 0022) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mat Sun, 3 30pm Unit September 25

III CHIPS WITH EVERYTHING FIRST big Longon notives for Arnold Wester's 1962 play about class disconlent and unthinking obedience in the armed lonces. With Julian Glover and Rupert Percy-Jones, Directed by Howard Davies, who might make the unlikely folksong scene work. Netfonal (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928-2252) Tonight and tomorrow, 7-30pm in rep

THE COMMEDY OF ERRORS TIM Supple's successful touring production for the Royal Shakespeare Company, a darker comedy than usual, in London for fire weeks Young Vie, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed (from Sap 16) Until October 11

DISCO PIGS: Ende Walsh's evendwinning, Cork-set play where the inseparable Pig and Plunt use a private language, part baby-talk, part dub poetry, to cope with life

 Most West End and many regional cinemas are delaying their first Saturday screening tomorrow until 2pm or 3pm. Patrons should ring

NEW RELEASES L'APPARTEMENT (15): Ettaleni French trifle about lovelorn twentysometrings. With Vincent Cassel and Fornane Bohringer. Directed by Gilles Mirriguni Renot: (0171-837 IM02)

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### WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie TOSCA: Revisa of Nath Warner's

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Collegeum & Maren's Lana, WC2
(0171-632 8300) Tornorrow, 7 30pm &

ALCESTER: The excring young sogram Susannah Glarwille conclude this year's season of the Compton Verney Association's summer concerts

with aprogramme featuring songs by Strauss, Rachmarunov, Schoenberg,

Strauss, Plachmaninov, Schoenberg, Tchalkovsky and Puccani. The evening's

venue, home to the Earl and Countess Yamouth, is set in four hundred acres

gerdens where concert goers may

Picrus before the performance. Ragley Hall: Alcester, Wannickshire (01564 733633). Sunday, 7 30pm

STRATIFORD-UPON AVOIC MATERIA

attratrock upon Avoic Midwal Sheen in the tible role of Heary V, directed by Ron Damels. After Stratord the production fours until December, including three weeks at the Berbican Royal Shallow, with public (U1799 29623). Previews from lonight, 7.30pm Opens Sept 11, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 1.30pm Unit September 27.

WATFORD! The autumn season at the

WATFORD' The autumn season at the Palace opens with a new production of Alan Ayckbourn's comedy Absurd Person Strigular which looks at the behind-the-scares druces at these parties where things go disastrously wrong Laurie Sansom directs. Palace, Clarendon Road (01923 225671) Previews from tonight, 7.45pm Opens September 9, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fn and Sal, 8pm.

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LEFE SUPPORT: Alan Bates subdy moving in Simort Gray's play about temorse for market treachery Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003) Mon-Set, Sprn; mat Wed,

SMOKEY JOE'S CAPE: Subtified

"The Songs of Leiber and Stofler". His The Songs of Leiber and Stofler". His Broadway compilation show calebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for Hound Dog. Jauhouse Rock and Spanish Harlem. Prince of Wates, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Thurs. 3pm

LONG RUNNERS

ELSEWHERE

LONDON EVENTS BBC PROMS: Tonight the Gabriel Consort and Players under Paul McCreesh perform Monteverdi Consort and Players under Paul McCreesh perform Montreverdi madrigals, tollowed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Markus Steruz playing Hans Wenner Henze s Verus and Adors, a UK premiere A change has been made to the lirst half of termotrow's programme when Faure's Requiem replaces Poulenc's Glone and Ravel's Plano Concerto in G major. The evoning continuous with Rakmaninov's Symphony No 1, as scheduled David Atherion conducts the BBC National Orchestra of Wales with the City of Brimargham Symphony Chorus and the BBC National Chorus of Wales The solosis for the Requiem will be the soprano Judith Howarth and the barrone Neal Devies. On Sunday Neeme Järn and the Glothenburg Symphony Circhestra treat audiences to a rare performance of Brahms's heroic cantata Rimaido, based on Goether's tale of a kinght who has to choose between love and cluty. This is followed by Protoder's Violith Concerto No 1 and the svening concludes with Shelus s Symphony No 5.

SONGS OF THE 90sc The soprano.

SONGS OF THE 90s: The soprano Felicity Loft and the barltone Chaf Bar team up for the opening concert of the Wigmore 1997/98 season to perform songs from Wolf's \*\*latentsches\*\* Laderbuch, composed sorns 100 years ago: Malcolm Martineau accompanies on the piene.

### AN IDEAL HUSBAND Fisher of CI An IDEAL HUSSANDO Fisturn of Peter Hall's enjoyable production, brimful of deceptions Starring Markin Shew and Simon Ward, and kate O'Mara as the system volchingser. Theatre Royal, Haymarkan, SW1 (0171-930 8900) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm; mais Thurs, 3pm, Sar, 4pm Until October, 11 THEATRE GUIDE

House full, returns only
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Seats at all prices

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London's Wigmore Hall is behind a new international competition for young singers. Hilary Finch reports

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remarkable revival of the song recital in the last two decades cannot be overestimated. Europe's song centre in London's West End will be waving the flag for the human voice even more energetically next week when the new biennial Wigmore Hall International Song Competi-tion is launched, with £27,000 in prize money and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau as patron.

Dr Ralph Kohn, a medical scientist with a passion for song, developed the idea with the indefatigable pianist, pro-gramme deviser and writer Graham Johnson, and Kohn's Foundation supports the competition. Con-

over the world will be no older than 32 and must sing (and play - there is an accompanist's prize, too) in at least two languages as well as German. Schubert and Brahms are compulsory.

In a week of preliminaries. semifinals and finals starting next Tuesday the young singers will be watched over by a jury chaired by Johnson, and including among its members the tenor Peter Schreier, William Lyne, the director of the Wigmore Hall, and the great Swedish soprano Elisabeth Söderström.

I asked Söderström what she made of this upsurge of interest in art song? I think it has a lot to do with a return to the pleasure of hearing natu-

The place of the ral, unamplified voices in this Wigmore Hall in the age of megastars and megaage of megastars and mega-sounds. But there is still so much to be done in helping audiences to understand an actual song literature. I would like to see new singing transla-tions, particularly of German and Scandinavian song. Even words projected on a screen not clumsily, like surtitles, but artistically, as part of the whole presentation. "And singers must work

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stand all that sense

of longing, yearning, unfulfilment . . ."

Given all this feverish activity, why the need for yet another competition? "Competitions have never been more important! Whatever people. say. I think the Cardiff Singe: of the World is remarkably well done. Even if you dragge win, you get the chance to sing

in front of a sold-out house. This replaces the work of an opera house ensemble in the old days. In my day, you got a iob when you were 20. And Adelina Patti and Jenny Lind started professionally in their teens. Now yourng singers have to be taught how to behave in audi, it ons, where they've got five minutes if

they're lucky, te n minutes if



Trial by jury: the soprano Elisabeth Söderström is on the panel for the £27,000 con test

they're successful. I think they're extremely brave. To have such a competition within a beacon like the Wigmore Hall is just fantastic."

Given the competition's broad age range, how will Söderström and her colleagues reconcile the shifting attributes of potential and achievement in what they hear? There is always that moment when a voice suddenly makes you realise just what is worthwhile, what is possible. When a fine musician actually communicates. There are singers with magnificent

voices who never really learn

how to reach an audience. I

shall ask myself, if I had to engage one of these singers, which one would I as K first?"

David Charter

The Wigmore He ill International Song Compet lition holds its preliminary auditic ons on Tues Sept 9 and Wed 10, 11 )30am and 2:30pm. Semi-finals on Thur II, 10:30am and 2:30pm. and final on Sat 13, 6pm (0171-935; 2141)

**CONCERTS:** Dutch visitor s give a thrilling Proms farewell; plus young singers in fine voice

### Too brief an encounter

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AFTER its all-Strauss evening, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestre, gave itself the ultimate Strauss sency-off at the end of its second Proms co' n.cert, in a sumptuous performance of the Dance of the Seven Veils fror n Salome. It could have been still more raw, still more vulgar; but this was the Concertgebouw, and this we is Riccardo Chailly. The outstanding, strength of the performance was this great orchestra playing as a single instrument in ever-shifting incarnatic of 15.

The particular quali ries of brass and woodwind shone out 'r iere, as trumpets pierced the gauze of the strings, and clarinets and picco' to trilled their very life away. They har I already given what seemed to be the ir all in a virtuoso performance of Fyartok's one-act pantomime, The M i raculous Mandarin. There have bee r i darker performances,

but 'iew which could draw on a more iric pascent palette of colour.

The evening had begun durifully vith the UK premiere of a work by the Outch composer Tristan Keuris, who died last year. Three Preludes - for orchestra lasts no more than eight minutes, and the dash is significant. The miniatures were written for the 1994 Kirill Kondrashin Conducting Competition and, although from the point of view of idea, structure and outworking they may not reveal Keuris as a distinctive voice, they are bravura

essays in orchestration. At the centre of the Concertgebouw's programme presided the figure of Arkady Volodos. The young Russian planist made his London concerto debut with a splendidly fresh yet authoritative performance of Rachmaninov's Second Concerto. The clarity of thought, brightness of fantasy and sureness of technique which marked his Wigmore Hall debut and his recent recording of solo piano transcriptions recharged the batteries of this concerto. When leading the way, Volodos provided real impetus, in an instinctive, supple and cliché-free rubato; when accompanying and underpinning the orchestra, he continued to shape, colour and define. He must return to London very soon.

### Articulated stories

The Rake's Progress Queen Elizabeth Hall

BRITISH Youth Opera's second offering was on a different level from its rather dismal Don Giovanni earlier in the week. The designer, Jess Curtis, provided even less by way of a set and just as few props; the confident, hardworking chorus had to mime the fraudulent machine for turning stones into bread and most of the auction scene — and did so very well. Indeed, the director. Nigel Warrington, proved most adept at using chorus members as decor, making a bare stage seem crowded with visual event, and the mixture of 18th- and 20th-century costumes was apt and purposeful.

Stravinsky's score is devilishly tricky for even the most experienced professionals, the difficulties compounded here by the orchestra being upstage and the conductor with his back to the singers — contact was maintained via television monitors. The BYO's music HILARY FINCH director, Timothy Dean, more attentive to the score than to the cameras. did well to keep his you ing singers and orchestra together; the ere was a brilliance to the fast musi c, an occasional lack of pulse in the slo wer movements.

There were some promising singers, all of whom took great care with diction. Peter Auty, who sang the title role, has a helty instrument with rather more glow in the tone than is customary among British tenors, and more weight in the e lower register, too. He is about to start a year at the National Opera Studio: if properly nurtured, he at tould have a bright future. His ante igonist, Nick Shadow, was Richard IV forrison — not a huge voice, but a pur poseful way with words and a quietly sardonic presence. Cari Searle (Baba ti ne Turk) suga in the makir ig; she commanded the stage, and saing the consonants with a ripely fruity mezzo tone.

Given the it English is not her first language, I viari-Kjersti Tennijord was an admira bly clear Anne; her mettlesome sop r ano was bright and penetrating, right up to a ringing top C. Emma (Mother Goose), Charbel Curtis Mattar / Father Trulove) and Hubert Francis (Seliem) all made solid contribution:s. This Rake worked both as a showes se for young talent and as a perfor r. mance in its own right.

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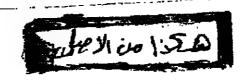
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A report claims Labour's plans for schools are off target, says **David Charter** 

ust when the Government seemed to be reaching a consensus on how to transform standards in schools, along comes an economist who turns the whole argument on its head. Peter Robinson's report Literacy. Numeracy and Economic Performance raises a series of questions about the Government's priorities, challenging the key policies of target-setting and raising average achievement.

Dr Robinson, a research officer at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics. is no stranger to controversy. His last major paper, The Myth of Parity of Esteem, debunked vocational courses by showing graduates earn far more than those with "equivalent" work-based qualifica-

Dr Robinson dares the new Labour Government to match his own "centre-left" vision success for the 12 per cent of youngsters who leave school every year with no qualifications. They form the "long tail of under-achievement" which has dogged the educational system for decades. His aim will certainly be shared by David Blunkett, the Education and Employment and Employment Secretary. but his approach may not.

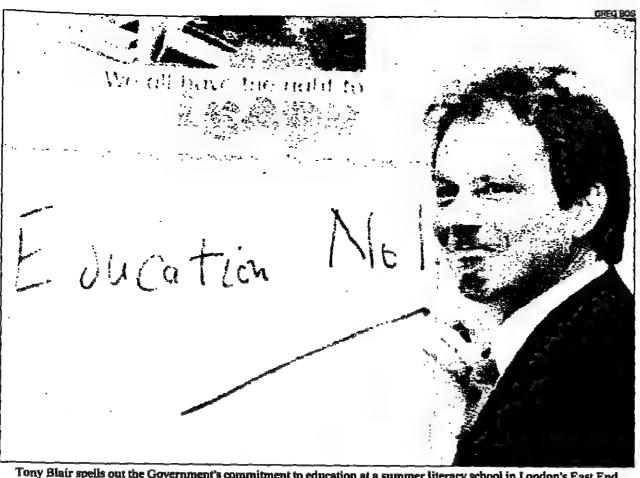
Dr Robinson analyses the role of national tests and rargets and concludes that neither are currently helping to solve this problem. He further argues for a concentration on these under-performers by using international comparisons to demonstrate that raising the achievement level of the numerate majority has little bearing on a nation's economic performance. However, on a personal level, reaching average levels of numeracy greatly enhances an individual's job prospects.

The Excellence in Schools White Paper published in July states: "The literacy and numeracy targets will be given priority in all policies affecting

Dr Robinson's first attack is tions framework, where he identifies varying ways of achievement in GCSEs. GNVQs and tests for 7. II and I4-year-olds.

This leads, for example, to the incongruous relationship between performance at 14, where 14 per cent of pupils fail to reach level three of the national curriculum in mathematics, and performance at 16, where 21 per cent do not reach this level at GCSE.

His main broadside is reserved for measures proposed in the White Paper for raising standards. Two major surveys on children born in 1958 and 1970 are used to show the negligible impact on educational achievement of class size, teaching method and homework policy - all funda-



Tony Blair spells out the Government's commitment to education at a summer literacy school in London's East End

However, students from the

Czech and Slovak Republics

and Bulgaria also did very

well, whereas in America, the

world's most successful econo-

my, and Germany, scores

were well below those in

most successful small Asian

economies, Singapore and

Hong Kong, had in 1985 adult

illiteracy rates of 14 and 12 per cent respectively, rising to 20

per cent for women. Their

impressive economic progress

does not appear to have been

hampered by levels of adult

Dr Robinson highlights the

dilemma for primary schools

exhorted to meet the proposed national targets (that by 2002, 80 per cent of 11-year-olds will

achieve level four or above in

their English tests, and 75 per

cent at mathematics). He con-

siders the case of two prima-

ries, both with average grades

this summer of level four

achieved by 57 per cent of children in English and 54 per

"School A could achieve

who currently achieve

these targets by bringing a

high proportion of those pu-

currently below level three.

cent in mathematics

He further adds: "The two

Britain.

illiteracy

# Poverty and not class size holds back the nation

mental to the Government's

Regular analyses of factors influencing attainment are provided by the British Cohort Survey of everybody born in one week in 1970, and the National Child Development Study of 18,300 people born in March 1958.

From the earlier survey, Dr Robinson says: "In the progress in reading and mathematics made by 7 to 11-yearolds, the direct influence of parental social class and educational background was apparent. Children with parents from lower social classes, or whose parents had left school by age 15, made significantly less progress. However, children whose parents recorded an interest in their education

fared better. He adds: "Class size had no effect on pupils' improvement in mathematics and reading between 7 and 11. There was some evidence that hours spent in pre-school education had some impact on mathemanics attainment, but this positive influence from preschool education tends to

wash out after 11." He calls the one important school factor the "peer group effect". "Pupils who were in schools where a high proportion of other pupils came from households with fathers in

professional and managerial

occupations tended to make significantly more progress. Mixing with a good quality peer group raised performance for all pupils."

The more recent survey also emphasised the importance of social class and parental interest on children's achievement. Again, neither nursery school. teaching method nor homework policy seemed to have an impact.
Dr Robinson concludes:

"Potentially the most powerful 'educational' policy might be one which tackles social and economic disadvantage. A serious programme to alleviate child poverty might do far more for boosting attainment in literacy and numeracy than any modest interventions in schooling."

Robinson accepts weiter of evidence that literacy and numeracy boost personal job prospects and standard of living. But he looks at international comparisons to prove his point that, in generally literate and numerate societies, there is no correlation between success in maths tests and economic performance.

Students from the fast-growing Asian countries of Singapore, South Korea and Japan. came top in an international mathematics test last year.

"School B could put all of its resources into ensuring that the 12 to 13 per cent currently level at age II. As this would most likely involve concentrating on many pupils with special educational needs, this strategy might be more re-source-intensive and would certainly present no less of a challenge than School A would be setting itself.

"However, School B would

be wasting its time. Even if it achieved measurable progress for the lower attaining 12 to 13 per cent of the pupils, this would not count towards achieving the new national targets. Lack of progress towards these targets could result in School B being branded a faijure."

He adds: "Is School A or School B making the greater contribution to achieving any really desirable economic or social objectives? And what does the answer to that question tell us about the proposed national targets for the attainment of literacy and numeracy by li-year-olds?"

Literacy. Numeracy and Economic Performance, from the CEP London WCZA ZAE.

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### Become a master of classical Americana

Thanks to one man's commitment, students can do an MPhil about music made in the US, says Dalya Alberge

👢 Dickinson — pianist, composer and scholar gave a recital of Gershwin show songs on BBC Radio 3 in the early Seventies, the switchboard received many complaints. There was outrage that this American composer was sharing air time on a station more used to Buxtehude, Beethoven and Brahms.

How times have changed: few would dispute that Gershwin is one of the world's modern masters, as much at home on Radio 3 as Classic FM. "But he was being a separate cul-ture," Professor Dick-Gershwin is as likely to be heard in an

Undaunted by the hostility, he remained committed to promoting American music, becoming one of its most fervent champions.

George Gershwin: caused outrage This year, he resigned his professorship at Goldsmiths' College, in

the professor says.

introduced into an MA in American studies last year, allowing students to com-

of study such as law, politics, literature and history. Interestingly, as it is not an analysis course, it does not require an undergraduate degree in music. "However, this has not handicapped serious investigation of the

The M Phil and PhD in any subject relating to American music are available from this autumn. Sug-

regarded then as inson says. "Today, opera house as a theatre, and top sing-ers want to be ers want to involved."

South London, to establish what is believed to be Britain's only specialist MPhil and PhD for research in the subject.
The degrees are awarded

by the University of London through its Institute of United States Studies, founded in 1965 to promote American subjects, It has become one of 13 schools of advanced study within the university - a reflection of how this has been America's century. A music component was

er in the audience. In 1988, on The South Bank Show, Melvyn Bragg acknowleged his contribution with a onehour documentary. As a have included a Piano Consubject," he says. certo — which included a ragtime ensemble - for the

gesting possible areas for

study, the professor men-

tions the inspiration of the

American musical theatre

on British musical writers,

or the influence of Gilbert

and Sullivan on America -

the two-way process. "Ini-

tially, the onus is on the

student to make a proposal." he says.
Professor Dickinson, who

set up the music department

at Keele University, with its Centre for American Music,

in 1974, has been an advo-

cate of all things American

as both broadcaster and

performer -- with his sister,

the mezzo-soprano Meriel

Dickinson. They provided

some of the first recordings

of work by John Cage and

at the Juilliard School in New York, Ironically, though, American music reflects the nation's polyglot culture, and it is difficult to identify a truly American sound. As the professor says: "The nature of the subject causes conventional boundaries to be crossed those between serious and popular, improvised and notated, black and white. American and European, oriental and occidental, art and life."

BBC Proms. His own com-

positions have been in-

volved with American music

ever since he was a student

America's meltingpot of races and nations is encapsulated by Louis-Moreau Gottschalk (1829-69), the son of a Jewish-

English father of German descent and a French Creole mother with an aristocratic background. Yet when he went to Paris, hoping to study at the Conservatoire. the Principal rejected him. saying that the only good thing America could produce was steam engines. Gottschalk persevered: Chopin was among his admirers, revering him as a "king of pianists'

Gottschalk, whose writing reflected the inspiration of Creole and Negro music. was the first American composer to achieve an international reputation. He was also the first to write down African-American rhythms

of

# You gotta have rhyme

f you leave aside reading schemes and creative crafts, one of the most enlightening aspects of my sixvear-old daughter's education has been the variety of chants.

rhymes she has absorbed from the school playground. She has learnt from skipping, for instance, that Christopher Columbus sailed the mighty oceans and the waves went over and over and over... that Henry VIII had six wives, two of whose lives he took, two he divorced, another one died (which left one and she survived) and of the value of education and liberation. Some chants are more entertaining than others, but many are of value.

skipping songs and clapping

In the same way as many literacy experts believe nursery rhymes aid the language development and reading ability of pre-school children, the metre monotony of playground patter also develops rhythmic awareness and language absorption.

To draw an analogy between playground patter and nursery rhymes, Mary, Mary quite contrary is an interesting example... how many of us recited this as children, oblivious to the meaning of contrary? Even if the word had been explained, we would probably not have been mature enough to have understood its

Yet, for many of us, contrary was part of our vocabulary at an early age and though it was probably some time before its meaning became apparent, the word had been learnt, it had registered. Most people, if

Hilary Robinson celebrates the lesssons of playground fun



Hopscotch, the kind of game that aids early learning

is where they first heard it. But it is unlikely that this would have been the case if contrary was embodied in some dry text of a storybook. It is the rhythmic nature of the verse that is so appealing to ultraabsorbent young minds.

As a children's book writer.

asked, would tell you that that it would have been easier for time the children — even those for whom English was a

me to write in prose - and that was the original intention. But after trying out my stories in inner-city schools, it became dear it was easier to hold the children's attention with reading in verse. Within a short

GCSE LEAGUE TABLE

Two schools were omitted from last week's GCSE league table. Immanuel College. Bushey. Herts, should have been 319th with 40.7 per cent of entries from 67 candidates at A or A\*, New College. Cardiff, should have been 545th with 27.9 per cent from 36 candidates. New College should have been 380th at A level with an average points score of 6.47.

second language - were recitworked with different rhythms and verse structures and found that the insistent rhythm of nursery rhyme chant delivered in simply rhyming couplets was the most effective format within which to embody challenging vocabulary. More complicated verse structure worked reasonably well with Key Stage One children, but the more complicated the format, the simpler the vocabulary needed to be, and my primary purpose was to develop vocabu-

o why is it that authors and publishers do not capitalise on developing those early rhymes and rhythms adored and freely explored by children?

liminal, way.

It is simply a matter of economies. The pressure on publishers to secure co-editions to undercut their unit costs is so great that many are reluctant to consider poetry because of translation difficulties. And if the rhyming text embodies humour, because cultural differences can emerge from nation to nation, what amuses a child in Britain may not in, say, Italy or Sweden.

So as the country rings again to the sounds of tuneful chants, perhaps playground duty should be given greater significance. Children may well be learning more than just chapter and verse.

· Hilary Robinson is author of the

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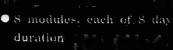


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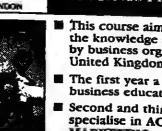


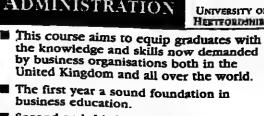












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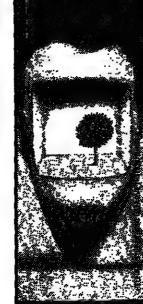
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# Fisichella is caught in glare of public ownership dispute

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN IN MONZA

GIANCARLO FISICHELLA had every reason to listen intently as Michael Schumacher outlined the prohibitive price of fame here yesterday afternoon. His boyish face creased with concern as the tales of casual infringement of a champion's right to privacy assumed an in-escapable personal relevance.

Fisichella, preparing for his first Italian Grand Prix this weekend, is beginning to understand that he cannot escape the perils of his potential. He is the lifeblood of Formula One, a supremely talented young driver who is becoming the focal point of a nation's passion for motor sport. Discussions about his

future stretched from the High Court in London to the Autodromo Nazionale in Monza yesterday. While the lawyers retreated to their chambers, to refine arguments in the dispute between Jordan and Benetton over his services for next year, he was confronted with the realities of his star status.

The attention changes your life," Schumacher observed. "I have a comfortable life, but people should not be able to disturb it all the time. They think they have the right to do anything with you, because you are popular. It makes me very, very angry. There is an imbalance there and it is' time something was done

Nothing will be, of course. The drivers will still need to travel to the circuit in disguise to escape the attentions of the tifosi, the Italian fanatics who hold overnight vigils outside their hotels. They will never spend a moment at the track without someone, somewhere training a long lens at them.

Fisichella is a callow youth. but also a commodity. His future will influence the lives of others. He has already been

Benetton driver for next season, but Jordan believe they have the right to retain him. His second place in the Bel-gian Grand Prix 12 days ago merely emphasised the significance of the struggle.

The Benetton lawyers will return to the High Court next week, having asked for an early decision on his availability because the uncertainty generated by the case is having a detrimental effect on the team's search for sponsorship. Jordan, still under pressure

Fisichella: legal wrangle

to reconsider the recruitment of Damon Hill, feel they cannot lose. They covet Fisichella's potential, but are also fighting to protect the option of selling him. This could become a viable alternative if Hill is prepared to reduce his financial demands, which have led to the suspension of negotiations with Alain Prost's eponymous team.

'My long-term future is with Benetton," admitted Fisichella, whose contentious, ten-year personal management contract with the team principal, Flavio Briatore, has added to the strain of being

officially announced as a tipped to be the first Italian to win his home grand prix since Alberto Ascari in 1953.

They agreed to let me race for Jordan, but say they have the right to claim me back. I know Eddie Jordan [the team owner] is trying to do all he can to allow me to race for him next season. I am happy with that, but, at the moment, I just want to concentrate on my racing. Obviously, this is a circuit I have grown up with. It is one I have grown to love. After Belgium, winning was the obvious objective and I feel we can do well here. I am not getting involved in the middle of the arguments. It is up to

As if to prove that careers can be shaped by circumstances outside a driver's control, Mika Hakkinen lost his third place in the Belgian Grand Prix vesterday when a court of appeal sanctioned by the FIA, motor sport's governing body, ruled that he had used illegal fuel. His team, McLaren, was fined £50,000.

others to decide what I am

going to do."

The sanction reduced Schumacher's championship lead over Jacques Villeneuve to 11 points, which did little to improve his humour. Schumacher seized a stage-managed opportunity to belittle Hill by suggesting that the world champion would not have been a factor in the drivers' championship this year, even if he had remained

Hill, to his credit, refused to rise to the bait. He preferred instead to lobby support for a minute's silence before the qualifying session tomorrow honour of Diana, Princess of Wales. He said: "I would like us in Formula One to show we are not out of touch with the emotions and feelings of the everyday world." All too often, as Fisichella

will discover, they are.



Matt Ryan, of Australia, prepares Deltry Connoisseur for the dressage at Blenheim

### Meacham glides into lead

By JENNY MACARTHUR

last year, fell at the last fence

at Punchestown in May and

had another fall at

Brockenhurst this summer.

when he tried to "do in two

strides what should have been

Bullen, who attributes her

improved dressage on Double

Trust to training from Jennie

Loriston-Clarke, her sister-in-

law — one of Britain's most

has had a similarly chequered

career with her ten-year-old gelding. She sustained falls at

their first three three-day-

events - Chantilly and Blair

in 1995 and Blarney last year.

too big at the water and could

not get out so "headbutted the

wall". Since then, he has

At Blarney, he jumped in

successful dressage trainers -

done in three".

KATIE MEACHAM. who competed for Great Britain as an individual in the 1991 European championships on Montana Blue, her former top horse, has taken the lead on Owl Creek at the end of a sunny first day of dressage at the Blenheim Vauxhall Monterey International Horse Trials yesterday.

Meacham's accurate, stylish test on the II-year-old gelding bought as an unbroken four-year-old from Doncaster Sales has given her a lead of 2.8 points over Nicky McDonnell, on the ten-yearold William Hill, Sarah Bullen, on her majestic gelding, Double Trust, is in second place, a slender 0.2 points ahead of Leslie Law, on Perryfields George.

Surprised and delighted at her leading position. Meacham said she was determined to capitalise on her good dressage score in the crossacquitted himself with fourth country stage on Sunday. She place at Osberton and a win in the advanced class at the have her work cut out. Owl Creek, who did not compete in a three-day-event South of England event.

Bullen's main concern is the Keyhole Corner, Fence No 19. where horses have to jump through the "owl's hole" cut in the middle of the fence. Otherwise. Bullen, in common with many of the riders, regards Mike Etherington-Smith's course as less technical and more of a galloping course than in previous years.

Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, who was the runnerup to Mary King last year by 0.15 points, is handily placed in sixth position on the eight-yearold. New York. The competition continues today with a second day of dressage, in which Mary King, the favourite, Mark Todd, Lucinda Green and the leading United States riders, Karen and David O'Connor, are competing.

GOLF

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### Flying Scot sets out on collision course

IT WAS very much business as usual in the first round of the Canon European Masters at Crans-sur-Sierre yesterday. The scoring was hot and Colin Montgomerie was hot under the collar.

Gary Hamish Orr, like Montgomerie a Scot based in Surrey, was the hottest scorer of all, returning a 61, ten under par. to lead Scott Henderson, yet another Scotsman. by one shot. Montgomerie, the defending champion, was tied for third place after a 65 that left him incandescent with rage.

He missed a short birdie putt at the last and stormed into the recorder's officer and thumped the desk so hard that there was imminent danger of an avalanche. Battling hard to compose himself, Montgomerie eventually brought himself to say a few words. "We're given courses that are totally unacceptable to play tournament golf on again and again and again and again.

All was sweetness and light when Montgomerie had birdies at the first two holes, sinking a 35-footer from the front of the 2nd green, which is in such a parlous state that the Tour's physiotherapy van has been parked next to it. There is not much grass on the green, though like Katisha, the Mikado's daughter, it probably looks all right in the dark with the light

behind it. The Scot has always had a touch of the Tati about him (as in Jacques, the mime artist, rather than the things that go with haggis and neeps) and he amused the crowd with his display of amazement. He even laughed himself.

Montgomerie went out in 32, four under par and Darren Clarke, one of his playing partners, in 33, but they suffered coming home and when the big Ulsterman had a bogey five at the last, for a 67, he was not smiling either. Aido Casera, the venerable Italian professional, equalled his age with a 78.

IN BRIEF

### BMW may provide drive for Mansell

NIGEL MANSELL could make a comeback to motor racing with a new BMW team. A German magazine reports that the company is considering developing a car for 24hour races, possibly with Mansell as driver. An announcement is expected in Frankfurt next week.

Olivier Panis, the French driver who broke both legs in the Canadian Grand Prix in June, returned to the sport this week when he made several runs in a Formula Three car on the Le Castellet track in

Rugby union: The Irish Rugby Football Union finalised contracts yesterday with the national senior panel of 35 players, who are believed to fall into five categories. Homebased, full-time elite players will receive £50,000 plus a car, although only Peter Clohessy and Denis Hickie are thought to be in this category.

Other home-based full-time players will receive £35,000 and car; England-based Lions will get £24,600; Englandbased internationals £14.600 and England-based uncapped players £12,600.

Athletics: Sally Gunnell will make her farewell appearance in competitive athletics in a specially-arranged 4 x 200 metres relay at Gateshead on Sunday. The former Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion announced her retirement at the world championships in Athens last month.

Speedway: Gary Havelock, the captain, and his two Bradford team-mates, Joe Screen and Mark Loram. have agreed to ride for Great Britain in the second international against Australia at Swindon on Sunday. They had refused to take part.

Windsurfing: Nik Baker, of Great Britain, gained two early victories to increase his overall lead in the Holsten Pils PWA British World Cup at Brighton yesterday.

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# Rib fractures rule Sheringham out of Moldova tie

ENGLAND'S World Cup prospects were dealt an un-timely blow yesterday when Sheringham was forced to pull out of the squad to face Moldova with two fractured ribs.

The Manchester United striker arrived at Bisham Abbey this week complaining that he was finding it hard to breathe and his absence has certainly left Glenn Hoddle, the coach, as well as Alex Ferguson, his club manager, with problems with crucial games looming. Sheringham is out of action

for the next three weeks. ruling him out of World Cup qualifier on Wednesday, as well as United's opening European Cup Champions' League trip to Kosice on September 17. Of mounting concern to Hoddle will be whether the forward will be ready for the likely decisive fixture with Italy in Rome on

The England coach bemoaned the fact that he had been deprived of his fifth potential captain, talking of a jinx that afflicts those handed the armband, but that will have been a secondary concern compared to losing a second leading striker, with Alan Shearer sat at home nursing his ankle injury.

"Teddy's injury is a big, big blow," Hoddle said. "So much has been said about the SAS of Shearer and Sheringham and now we have lost both through injury. That has been the scenario over the last 12 months, it has never been plain sailing. Seven players pulled out of the first game in Moldova and that seems to have carried on over the last year. But we will have to overcome it as we

Hoddle revealed that Sheringham had picked up the injury more than ten days ago in Manchester United's game against Leicester City and had played with it ever since. The players' determination to make an impact at Old Trafford after his £3.5 million transfer from Tottenham Hotspur this summerhad persuaded him to grit his teeth and play through pain. There was no chance of that

Paganin and Ince reunite at Liverpool

won the race to sign Massimo Paganin, the Internazionale defender. Paganin, 27, is expected on Merseyside today to discuss personal terms after the clubs agreed a fee, believed to be around £3.5 million. A spokesman for the Italian

club said: "An agreement between the two clubs has been reached. We have accepted Liverpool's bid. Now all we are waiting for is the player to decide his future."

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, has twice flown to Italy to watch Paganin after Neil Ruddock suffered a knee iniury on the opening day of the season. Paganin's friendship with the new Liverpool captain, Paul Ince, seems to Italian. They played in the same Internazionale team last season. Paganin's arrival may lead to the departure of Jason McAteer, the out-of-favour wing back.

Tony Yeboah, the out-offavour Leeds United striker, is likely to sign for SV Hamburg on Tuesday after agreeing personal terms. The £1 million transfer had looked in jeopardy after what Jeremy Fenn. the Leeds managing director. described as "unexpected further developments". However, the Ghana international has now resolved any differences he had with the German club and is expected in Hamburg early next week for a medical.

happening on Wednesday scan revealed what an X-ray in Manchester had failed to detect. "Some people have been saying Teddy has not been

playing as well as he might recently and this is obviously one of the reasons, because he did it ten days ago," Hoddle said. "There is no one to blame because Manchester United did an X-ray and it didn't show up. The full picture wasn't painted to them because I think Teddy, being at a new club, did not want to make a big thing of it. That obviously shows a heck of a lot of character, because he was in pain. When he turned up, he was suffering simply when he inhaled." At least with the relatively

weak opposition of Moldova - beaten 3-0 by England a year ago - to face, Hoddle will not have to take too many deep breaths himself before plotting how to cope without Sheringham. The first dilemma will be who to play up front from five candidates -Ian Wright, Les Ferdinand, Emile Heskey. Stan Collymore and Paul Scholes. Hoddle indicated strongly yesterday that Scholes, after his outstanding performances in the summer tournament in France, will be given some kind of starting role, although that could be lying between midfield and

His second consideration will be to whom he will give the captaincy, although Hoddle joked that he may delay his decision until moments before kick-off to avoid losing another experienced player. "Teddy was certainly one of the options for captain but the role seems to be jinxed. Now we have lost Shearer, Tony Adams, Stuart Pearce and Paul Ince is suspended. I will need to put my thinking hat on again. We have lost the experience of more than 200 caps and you



Scholes, who made his debut the previous week, celebrates after scoring the second England goal against Italy in France in June

### Hoddle lets Scholes lighten the gloom

criticised from all sides ing a squad of tired FA Carling Premiership players to what they said would be a meaningless Tournoi de France. Yesterday, though, when Glenn Hoddle broke the bad news about Teddy Sheringham's absence from the World Cup qualifying tie against Moldova next Wednesday, that bout of French leave earlier in the summer gave the England coach

some solace amid the despondency. Hoddle talked about Sheringham, of course, said what a loss he would be to his country, especially against the backdrop of the injuries to Alan Shearer and Robbie Fowler. Then he warmed to a new theme, a paean of praise for the young player who was the outstanding success of the Tournoi and who now seems certain to play a more pivotal role against Moldova. For the next ten minutes, Hoddle devoted himself to a eulogy of

Scholes made his England debut as a substitute in the friendly against South Africa at Old Trafford last May, but it was in France, where he scored against Italy on his first full Oliver Holt, football correspondent, listens to the England coach praise an emerging talent

ppearance and set up a goal for Ian that he can play off the front men. He Wright with a fine pass, that he emerged as a possible England star of

tional stage. Scholes might have played against Moldova anyway, probably tucked in behind a front two of Sheringham and Ian Wright, but now he may be pushed further forward to partner the England forward. Whatever position Scholes plays. Hoddle left his listeners at Bisham Abbey vesterday in little doubt of the high regard in which he holds him.

the future, someone who looked

completely at home on the interna-

"I saw enough in the first day's training before the South Africa game to know that he was a real talent," Hoddle said. "His debut was sensational and, ever since then, he has got better and better. He is a mature player for his age and he and Nicky and David Beckham have

Manchester United. "Scholes has got an added bonus in is very astute off the ball. He can make good runs and he can finish. He picks things up very quickly. "He can do a little bit of everything.

He is a solid little player, a good tackler, too. He will put his foot in when he needs to. That ball he put through for Wright in the game against Italy, it was a Platini ball that one. For a youngster of 22, he is a mature lad — just like the other Manchester United boys. "They have all learnt from being

around better players than themselves from a young age. Paul has shown that, too. It has just taken a little bit of time for him to hit the headlines."

Scholes started the season in the United first XI as Alex Ferguson, the manager, juggled his side. Even though he has been left out on occasion, now that Beckham has been restored to the starting line-up, he is at last being given the playing time that was denied him at the start of his

career and prevented him from getting an earlier call-up to the national squad.

"We wanted to bring him in earlier," Hoddle said, "but he just was not playing for United enough. He was having niggling problems with his breathing, but Alex and Brian Kidd |the United first-team coach| kept saying that they really rated him and that we had to keep an eye on him. They said this lad had got vision, good feet and could finish.

"In the end, we just had to wait until he had got a little bit of experience playing for United so that I could justify bringing him into the squad. It is hard to know what sort of category to put him in. It is tempting to say he is like a little Alan Bail, because of the appearance, but I think he is more like Zola really. He has really got everything going for him.

"I have come to the conclusion that you are a lucky coach if you have got four players who can play in three different positions because that is so important in tournaments like the World Cup. Paul is one of them."

Suddenly, what could have been a day of total gloom at Bisham Abbey had taken on a rosier hue.

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### Mulhall's new boys start well

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

HALIFAX Town go into action against Yeovil Town at The Shay tonight lying third in the Vauxhall Conference behind Morecambe, the only other team with an unbeaten record. and Southport, who have played a match more.

"The good thing about it is that we've played five games unheaten and four of them have been away from home." George Mulhall, the Halifax manager, said, "When you consider that the club lost its first match 6-0 at Stevenage iast season and we only ensured our place in the league on the last Saturday, it's very nice to be so high up."

For Mulhall, who took over in partnership with Kieran O'Regan last season, Halifax's early form offers signs that their summer recruitment has borne fruit.

"Last season, we simply gave away too many goals and the priority was to sort out the defence," Mulhall said. Of last season's back four, only Paul Stoneman remains. The newcomers, Andy Thackeray, from Rochdale, Pete Jackson. 36, from Chester City, and Mark Bradshaw, from Macclesfield Town, have shown welcome solidity. Behind them, Lee Martin has been beaten only twice after being rescued from Rochdale's

Back in Halifax's colours is Jamie Paterson, sold to Falkirk after the club dropped out of the Football League three years ago and bought by Mulhall from Scunthorpe. Mulhall admits that he was

surprised to be called upon by Halifax for a second spell after two years in charge 25 years ago, when the club was in the old third division. "I thought I'd retired from the job," he said. "I'm 61, after all."

Future prosperity tests on continuing negotiations over the transfer of ownership of The Shay from the local council to the club as part of a deal in which the stadium would be redeveloped to also house Halifax Blue Sox rugby league team. Meanwhile, Mulhall is not getting carried away. "if we're unbeaten after 15 matches, Kieren and I might have a beer," he said.

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# Sprint Cup offers stage for Indian Rocket

By CHRIS McGrath

the decisive factor in the Haydock Park Sprint Cup this afternoon is likely to be the congealed ground. All season, contenders for the sprint title have been effectively running on the spot and no claim to clear supremacy can be expected today.

The continuing air of uncer-

tainty was vividly demonstrated by a photo-finish for the Nunthorpe Stakes at York last month, when Ya Malak and Coastal Bluff proved insepara-ble. Previously, Compton Place had improved so dramatically for fast ground in the July Cup that he won at 50-1, while Averti has been repeatedly unlucky in running. Danetime has merely

RICHARD EVANS

One should caution that soft

bullied lesser opposition.

Nap: POSIDONAS (3.40 Epsom) Next best: Life Of Riley (2.05 Epsom)

ground, with a drying crust, makes for the sort of puddinglike terrain that can yield performances of deceptive authority, when only one runner handles it with aplomb. It can, at least, be stated with something approaching confidence that Averti and Monaassib

need faster going. Coastal Bluff and his rider emerged with great honour from the York dead-heat, as the bridle snapped early on and Kevin Darley was left clinging desperately to his mount's mane. He continues to flourish, stays the extra furlong and likes some cut underfoot, but he has the

worst draw in the race. The advantage of the stands' ground is testing, so Dane-

2.50 HAYDOCK PARK SPRINT CUP. (Group ): £75,292: 6f) (9 runners)

2/1 Danetime

6/1 Tomba

10/1 Averti

7/2 Coastal Bluff

6/1 Life Of Riley

7/1 Myrtlebank

8/1 Prospero

8/1 Shalateeno

9/1 Noble Dane

11/1 Remaadi Sun

7/1 Dance So Suite

8/1 Hal Hoo Yaroom

7/2 Royal Applause

IT SEEMS appropriate that time, who landed a gamble when drawn on the wrong side in the Stewards' Cup . will likewise have his work cut out once again. Connections emphasised that he would need softer ground before stepping up in class, but he is a poor price given that he still has plenty to prove. Tomba's habit of getting behind early negates his favourable draw. so the two to consider are perhaps Royal Applause, in

stall nine, and the adjacent Indian Rocket. Royal Applause had Indian Rocket over three lengths away in fifth when winning the Cork and Orrery, with some dash, at Royal Ascot, But the younger horse was at a disadvantage, making his seasonal debut against an older rival in peak form. He could not narrow the gap when they filled the places behind Compton Place at Newmarket next time, but the ground was fast that day, and he was, all in all, still relatively naive.

Both his subsequent runs have been over an inadequate five furlongs, but he would have finished a lot closer in the Nunthorpe, had he not been hampered at a crucial stage and eased afterwards. Last year. Indian Rocket was a notably tough two-year-old whose best performance, in the Mill Reef Stakes, came on soft ground.

John Dunlop, his trainer, has won this race with Habibti and Lavinia Fontana. and, while there is understandable stable confidence behind Royal Applause, Indian Rocket is a bit of value.

He is probably not, however, the champion sprinter of 1997. Pas De Reponse made a flamboyant return to sprinting at Deauville last weekend. her first start since the spring, and will be lying in wait for rafil increases when the today's winner in the Prix de l'Abbaye next month.

BIG PACELINE UP

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### Clerkenwell suited by long trip

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

CLERKENWELL'S quest to win the Melbourne Cup got off to an auspicious start at Salisbury yesterday when he successfully overcame a 331-day absence - with a little help from the local siewards.

After nosing ahead inside the final furlong of the Salisbury Festival Conditions Stakes, the Michael Stoute-trained colt suffered interference from Samraan and went down by a short head. However, the stewards were unanimous in their decision to reverse the placings.

Even without victory, there was much to admire about Clerkenwell's seasonal debut. A physically imposing colt, he has matured since last year when he won the Ebor Handicap. Just as important, he is a relaxed individual whose temperament should be up to coping with the

hullabaloo surrounding Australia's most famous race.

There is a world of difference between a four-runner race on the undulating Wiltshire racecourse and the hurly-burly of the Melbourne Cup, run over two miles on the flat Flemington circuit. Nonetheless. Stoute was thrilled with Clerkenweil's performance and intends to give the Sheikh Mohammed-owned son of Sadler's Wells one more run before sending him Down Under. The Irish St Leger and the Cumberland

Lodge Stakes are among the options. "I was very pleased with that performance." Stoute said. "I thought he travelled so well and he was coming to win his race but Samraan didn't allow him to. I want to have a chat with Michael |Kinanel before deciding where he will go next, but I feel that performance entitles him to go for the

8st 4lb for the race in Australia, was rated 31b inferior to Samraan according to the British Horseracing Board's offical ratings, which gives some indication of the improvement he has made during the past year - although yesterday's race was not a true gallop so a strict reading of the form could be misleading.

Even so, Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, was sufficiently impressed to trim Clerkenwell to 14-1, just behind the Australian horses. Yippyio and Marble Hall, who share 12-1 favouritism

Kinane, who was riding at Salisbury for the first time since 1980, knows what it takes to win the Meibourne Cup, having partnered Vintage Crop to a famous success in 1993. "You need a horse with speed that can quicken," he said. "You don't want an out-and-out stayer. Clerkenwell will improve for sure. Mich-

### Melbourne Cup." ael Stoute has left a nice bit to work on." Life Of Riley an appealing prospect

EPSOM **CHANNEL 4** 

2.05: Dance So Suite reserves his best for this course and distance and again performed well here last time out when beaten just over four lengths by the impressive Shaft Of Light. The ground will suit and he holds each-way claims despite top weight. However. this could be fought out by the three-year-olds, with Life Of Riley, trained locally by Geoff Lewis, making the most

The Caerleon colt has progressed in each of his three runs, winning a Pontefract maiden before running creditabiy in a competitive Newmarket handicap. Open to further improvement, this stiff 12 miles should be ideal.



2.35: Fleet River has not raced since bolting up in a Goodwood maiden a year ago and may just need her reappearance. Omaha City and Almushtarak have claims but have to prove themselves at this level. Intikhab possesses progressive form and has the

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absence is a worry. Polar Prince, a model of consistency this term, won a listed race in Rome before beating Faithful Son over course and distance in June to land the Diomed Stakes. After running with credit in group company on his latest starts. he can take advantage of this drop in class.

3.05: Plenty of pace here with Danish Rhapsody and Sandmoor Chambray keen to race from the front. That could play into the hands of Present Arms, who needs a strongly run race at this trip and has the ground in his favour. He has twice run disappointingly at York this season but still looks fairly treated judged on pace to take advantage of his his emphatic success at Ascot low draw, but the 51-day 41 days ago. River Usk, twice

a winner at two, makes a belated seasonal reappearance and is the main danger.

3.40: Arabian Story, owned by the Queen, would have had an excellent chance here, but the royal colours will not be seen out of respect to Diana, Princess of Wales. Dushyantor came good at Newbury in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes but preference is for **Posidonas**. He has raced only once this year but was far from disgraced behind Bosra Sham over an inadequate trip in May. Now racing over his best trip on ideal going, he must go close if anywhere near the form which saw him give weight and a beating to Singspiel last year.

RICHARD EVANS

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THUMDERER 2.05 Life Of Riley 3.05 Sandmoor Chambray

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4.10 JUST ANOTHER TIME (nap) 4.40 Name Of Love 5.10 Octavia Hill 5.40 Sharpwitted

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3,40 DUSHYANTOR (nap).

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DANCE SO SUITE, who goes well here, can defy top weight

### 2.35 ROOF UNITS FORTUNE STAKES (Listed race: £11.055, 1m 114yd) (B runners) BETTONE: 7-2 Polar Physics, Individual 4-1 Floot Rever, 11-2 Circuson Tole, 6-1 Almountarial, 8-1 Dantong Image, 10-1 Condito Coly 20-1 Night City

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CRIMSON TIDE, once a Derby hope, has been found a good apportunity

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Kawana w 1 jin Chepslow handicap (good to larm) YAROB, leaving his first run fox Reg Aleburst, can add to his trainer's line record

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### Watts faces question of retirement

BILL WATTS is weighing the melancholy question of whether to end a 30-year training career, embellished by such remarkable horses as Waterloo and Teleprompter

(Chris McGrath writes). Perversely, the stewards at his local course yesterday all but made his mind up for him. If he is already clutching at straws. Honourable's relegation from first place in the Sun Life of Canada Garrowby Rated Handicap at York -

having impeded Arctic Owl could well prove the final one. "I'll decide in the next couple of weeks," Wans said. while the stewards unsentimentally examined what would have been his seventh success of the season, "I'd love to go on, but it is no longer financially viable. I'm down to 20 horses, and could do with another ten." If the cavalry do not arrive, Honourable might, at least, prove an appropriate escort into retirement - perhaps as his trainer's final runner, in the

November Handicap. The Tote Sunday Special Handicap at Ascot on September 28 comes first. "He is getting stronger all the time." Watts said. "I was very worried about this sticky ground, but a faint heart never got anywhere."

Ed Dunlop has taken a similar view with Monaassib in today's Haydock Park Sprint Cup. and received timely encouragement when Winter Romance, ridden by Seb Sanders, won the listed Strensall Stakes.

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# Thorpe restores glimmer of hope

THE OVAL (third day of four): Surrey, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 90 runs ahead of Glamorgan

GRAHAM THORPE, who owed Surrey a few runs, dug deep into his reserves of mental energy yesterday to produce by far his most valuable championship innings of what has been an emotionally demanding year for him. A fighting second-innings century, occupying five hours and still unfinished, has kept alive his county's hopes of staying in the title hunt by pulling off an unlikely win over the

If they manage that today, they will have Thorpe to thank, because, when he busied himself to the wicket shortly before lunch, Surrey had already lost two other England players, Stewart and Butcher, in reducing their substantial first-innings arrears of 234 by nine.

Surrey would lose in three days. Earlier, they had bowled woefully as, in 85 minutes, Glamorgan added 75 runs much as they pleased, 50 of them to Thomas. That outcome looked even more likely when, two overs after lunch, Ratcliffe pushed forward to Croft and was taken low at slip by Cottey. Surrey were then 32 for three. Yet, roused from their slum-

ber of the previous seven sessions by Thorpe's full-blooded resistance to a hostile Waqar Younis, Surrey fought back hard for the remainder of the day. By stumps, Thorpe was unbeaten on 140 and, by dint of a succession of productive partnerships. Surrey were 324 for six, 90 in front.

Thorpe has experienced a roller-coaster ride in recent months. Last winter, he scored successive Test centuries in New Zealand, but the tour was

disconcertingly. No sooner

had Smith come in than he

retired, struck on his right

hand by Bowen. An X-ray

Laney looks to have no

shortage of ability, but he has

had an inconsistent season.

With Hayden, whose 74 included seven fours, he put

on 108 in 29 overs. There

would seem to be no reason

why they should not put

together numerous such part-

nerships if they are both still

Johnson, the Nottingham-

with the club next year.

revealed a broken bone.

### Dowman impresses in landmark innings

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four!: Nottinghamshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, lead Hampshire by 125 runs

ANOTHER authoritative innings by Mathew Dowman. who reached 1,000 runs in a season for the first time in his career, has given Nottinghamshire the opportunity to leave their opponents a target to chase today (Ivo Tennant writes). It was further evidence that Dowman, who scored 62 to add to his 74 in the first innings, must have a good chance of going on the England A tour this winter. Hampshire had declared in arrears after an innings that included three half-centuries. of which Udal's was the most fortuitous — he was dropped three times — and Laney's the

For most of the day the ball came through at an even height, but the odd one lifted

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strengthened the belief that in a tabloid newspaper about his private life. This summer. he was voted England's best player against Australia, despite hitting a mid-series trough that jeopardised his place. Runs for Surrey were few. He did not score a championship century until last week, against Sussex. Yesterday, though, he

scarcely put a foot wrong and his positive approach rubbed off on his colleagues. Waqar, in his fastest spell directly after lunch, tested him with a series of bouncers, but Thorpe remained unruffled and authoritatively dispatched him to the boundary several times. This prompted Brown into

marred for him by revelations

launching an assault on Croft, whom he drove into the pavilion for six in one over, and struck for three successive fours in the next. They had put on 63 at a run-a-ball when Brown was run out for 41 in cruel fashion, Thorpe's drive deflecting off Cosker's hand into the non-striker's stumps.

However, by then Surrey had gained momentum and they maintained it as Adam Hollioake contributed 65 to a fifth-wicket stand of 120 before Waqar, returning for another quick spell after tea, had him eg-before.

Moments later, the Paki-

stani might also have accounted for Ben Hollioake and Thorpe, but both edged wide of slips. Thorpe was also reprieved on 88 when Cottey failed to cling on to a sharp chance to his left off Croft. Thorpe and Ben Hollioake stayed to add 49 for the sixth wicket and Saqlain Mushtaq then joined Thorpe in an unbroken stand of 60 for the seventh. Wagar and Croft were the

shire captain, rotated his four most dangerous bowlers, but seamers, two of whom, Bow-Glamorgan struggled to comen and Tolley, were rewarded mand the game on a pitch that with their county caps. had lost some of its earlier life. Hampshire declared when 31 though it continued to offer runs behind, whereupon Dowman crashed the ball turn. That made Maynard's around once more. His halfreluctance to bowl his spinners in tandem surprising. century came off 46 balls and though Cosker was given a included nine fours, with the miserable time. Saglain and null much in evidence, before over-ambition cost him his Salisbury may be more effect-



Hick, the Worcestershire batsman, forces a drive through the covers before falling for 57 at Headingley yesterday

### Byas may reflect on missed opportunity

HEADINGLEY (third day of four): Worcestershire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 188 runs behind

YORKSHIRE'S diminishing prospects of winning the county championship for the first time since 1968 will recede even further in the first session today if Worcestershire score the 39 runs now required to avoid the follow-on (Richard Hobson writes). This remains a good batting pitch and, if it comes to a fourth-innings chase, then the visitors have cause for optimism.

Should they pass the immediate target of 352, then Byas, the Yorkshire captain, will reflect on a missed opportunity yesterday. Gavin Hamilton had removed Hick for 57 with the first delivery of his second spell and induced an edge from Haynes, the new batsman, four balls later. Byas, however, spilt the low catch at second slip and Haynes offered no second chance to record his sixth half-century of the season.

Haynes put on 94 for the fifth wicket with Leatherdale before Stemp lifted morale by removing both men when well set. Leatherdale offered a catch to silly mid-off via his pad and Haynes, on 62, was stumped by Blakey when he appeared to lose his bearings. Rhodes, though, defied the county of his birth and is close to a fifty of his own.

Although Worcestershire took advantage of attacking fields to force the ball through the gaps, their progress seemed sedate in the wake of an onslaught by Craig White. When Byas declared on 501 for seven, White had assumed total mastery over Illingworth, who could only vary his flight in vain. One over alone went for 25 and White hit seven sixes and 20 fours in an unbeaten 171 in 167 balls.

### Atherton offers brief relief for Lancashire OLD TRAFFORD (third day

of four); Lancashire, with four second-winnings wickets in hand, need 138 more runs to

MICHAEL ATHERTON produced one of his better performances for Lancashire yesterday, but it was still not enough to dispel the air of gloom hanging over Old Trafford in its last championship match of the season (Pat Gibson writes). Essex had given Lancashire

the chance to take their minds off the turmoil behind the scenes after the departures of the chairman, the chief executive and the treasurer, by forfeiting their second innings and setting them a victory target of 351 in a minimum of 135 overs.

It was never going to be easy on a pitch on which only Stuart Law, the gifted Australian, had been able to score freely. Yet, as long as Atherton was there, playing with more freedom than he has done for months, it did not seem impossible.

Atherton had played himself in by scoring 24 of the 39 Lancashire made in their first innings before declaring 350 runs behind and he looked a new man when he went in again to pass 50 for only the third time in the championship this season in a little more than two hours with seven fluent fours.

Then, having struck Such for one more boundary to take his first-class output for Lancashire to 375 in 12 innings, he was caught at slip and the innings began to fall apart. . Wood had already been caught behind off Danny Law, Fairbrother, Lloyd and Crawley succumbed to the spin of Such and Grayson and only some strong-arm stuff from Austin, who thumped 50 off 65 balls with five fours and three sixes, delayed Essex

### Brown's display condemns Durham

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BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four). Durham. with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 174 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Warwickshire

WITH perfect timing, Dougie Brown laid more impressive statistics before England's selectors, reaching 73 firstclass wickets this season to condemn Durham to an almost inevitable first home championship defeat of the summer. Brown took three first-in-

nings wickets and two in the second, as Durham followed on and batted with more conviction. They needed to do so after a woeful performance against a challenging attack on a helpful pitch.

Durham were initially dismissed for 118 in less than three hours, with Brown contributing three for 28, the other features of the innings being three-wicket returns for Allan Donald and Ashley Giles, together with the flawless

wicketkeeping of Keith Piper. Two athletic catches, the first at full stretch to dismiss Martin Speight and the second, low down, to oust James Boiling, were augmented by his stumping of Michael Foster, the top scorer.

Foster's valiant strokeplay ended with an inappropriate wild heave when occupying the crease was Durham's priority. Others batted too loosely and David Boon was caught in two minds whether or not to play a stroke to Graeme Welch. He did, as an afterthought, and bottom-edged the ball into his stumps.

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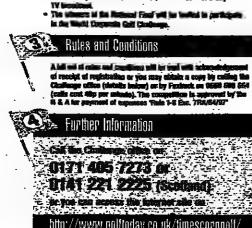
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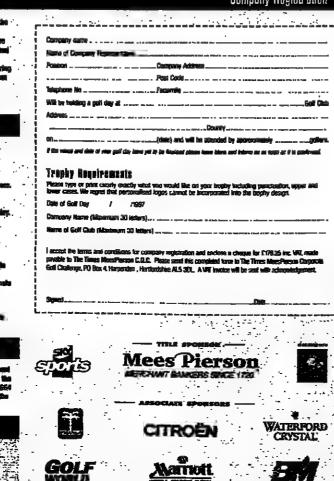
Boon, having absorbed the lesson of being indecisive, led the second-innings challenge to Warwickshire's authority, sharing Durham's biggest partnership of the match, 53 for the fourth wicket with the splendidly dogged Speight.

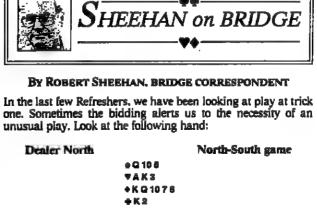
The wanton waste of wickets still prevailed with Robin Weston being run out by Donald's remarkable direct hit from short fine leg, while lying on his back.

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What can be done?

Try playing the queen of spades at trick one. If East ducks you have a second stopper in the suit. If East wins he cannot continue the Suppose, first, that East has that card. Now your best play would be to play low from dummy on the first spade and win in hand with suit without letting you make a second trick with your ten. your king. When East wins his diamond trick he will not be able to cash his spades. The trouble with that is if it is Whatever he does you will have time to come to your West who has the diamond entry, he will play a second spade through dummy's Q10 and East will cash four tricks ☐ For details of The Times

Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, call the organisers on 0181 Suppose instead that West has the ace of diamonds. Now you are best to duck the first spade, letting West win his nine. You win the spade continuation (it does not help

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

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Answers on page 42

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Kasparov Denial

The world chess champion, Garry Kasparov, has firmly denied rumours from France that he is to contest a world title match against Anatoly Karpov at Compiegne over October and November. Nothing could be further from the truth," his representative announced. Apparently, Kasparov is not free to play at the announced time, has not been consulted about the number of games and has no financial guarantees for the prize fund. Kasparov's statement concluded: "This charade has gone far enough and we believe that Mr Stroe the self-announced organiser of the match| and the city of Complegne should cease using Garry Kasparov's name

in this irresponsible fashion."

### **Beijing Winners**

Top scores after the final round of the tournament in Beijing were as follows: Alterman 7/9; Tiviankov 6.5; Van Wely, Oll and Atalik 6.
Jon Speelman, of Great
Britain, was amongst those
on 5.5. Here is a further sample of play from the tournament.

White: Lin Weiguo Black: Landa Beijing, September 1997 Queen's Gambit Declined

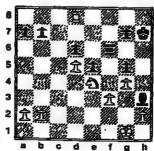
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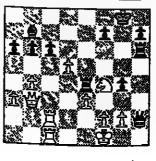
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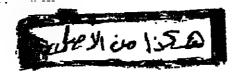
By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Tchutchelov -Meijers, Holland 1997. The black major pieces are

swarming dangerously around the white king. How did Black make the most of

Solution on page 42





Ward helps Kent take

total control

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

He also snared Fulton, caught

at slip, but by lunch Ward and

Alan Wells were embarked on

the partnership that was to be

Wells took to the spinners with savage intent after the interval. Driving ferociously on both sides of the wicket, he

became the first Kent player to

pass 1,000 runs for the season,

then treated Lawrence's sec-

160 minutes when Wells, six short of a merited century,

mistimed a pull to mid-wicket.

brought a further 76 runs.

and the sequel was all too

predictable. Faced with an

improbable route to escape, let

alone victory, Gloucester-shire's underlying frailties

The pitch, evidently benign all day, now exhibited life for

the faster bowlers and

Headley, bowling a genuinely

removed both Hewson and

two wickets were now conced-

ed to Strang. Dawson fol-lowed his first-innings century

with a nought, jabbing the leg spinner to short leg, and

Davis, promoted to protect the

three senior middle-order

batsmen, was caught in front

a further heated appeal before

marching off unbeaten, that

broad grin happily restored.

on the off side.

stem the flow.

were exposed.

The pair had added 193 in

and spell contemptuously.

the centrepiece of the day.

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Cloucestershire, with six

second-innings wickets in

hand, need 423 runs to bear

NARROWLY ahead on points

after two rounds of sparring

and jabbing. Kent spent the

third day at Canterbury pum-

melling Gloucestershire un-

mercifully. It was a stunning

change of pace for a game in

which every run had previous-

ly been begrudged and it will

almost inevitably lead to the technical knockout of Glouces-

tershire's title aspirations

With their principal rivals,

Glamorgan, apparently head-

ing for victory at the Oval, Kent pursued this critical

game with urgency. Starting the day 70 runs ahead, they

scored 128 in the first session,

180 between lunch and tea and

103 in 40 minutes before a

declaration that left Glouces-

tershire a notional target of

More realistically, they

needed to negotiate the re-maining 20 overs last evening

before surveying their surviv-al prospects. They failed by

some distance, losing three

prime wickets and a night-watchman and, with Paul

Strang now turning the ball

extravagantly, it will take a

herculean batting effort to

moment in which fortunes

were established, it came when Trevor Ward drove

Martyn Ball straight to mid-

off, where David Lawrence

dropped a straightforward, knee-high catch. Ward had

scored only six at the time; he

It was not Lawrence's day.

His bowling lacks nothing in

energy, only in accuracy and

penetration and, after his hap-

less miss, he was heckled by

the partisan crowd of 2,200 as

the ball followed him in the

field. His comeback has been

brave and remarkable, but it

is in danger of being remem-

over, had taken some punish-

Smith before dismissing him

with the aid of juggling catch at short leg in his fourth over.

Ball, summoned for the fifth

bered with sadness.

finished unbeaten with 161.

Kent batted positively from the outset, but if there was one

deprive Kent today.

got vas ned the ind.

It took Chester ten overs to

### Wingfield-Digby gives Oxford upper hand

Michael Henderson on a fine innings by England's former spiritual adviser

he cricket season winds down slowly, with many different leave-takings. On Sunday. the professionals of Essex and Warwickshire will contest the NatWest Trophy. nty cricket's most significant one-day prize, but before then the amateurs of England are nursing hopes of their own, hopes that have sur-vived another long, draining

At Southport yesterday, the senior club players of Lanca-shire and Surrey played the final of the Recreational Cup and on Sunday at Ealing, in another cup organised by the England and Wales Cricket Board, Middlesex and Lancashire supply the teams for the over-50 competition (did anybody know it existed?). It seems that everywhere one looks at the moment, people
— men, women and children - are in the final of something.

It was the clergy's turn yesterday. At the splendidly appointed Walker Cricket Ground in Southgate, North London, where Middlesex play occasional second-team matches, the diocese of Oxford and Chester contested the 47th Church Times Cup final. Oxford prevailed and the Right Rev David Sheppard, a Test batsman long before he became Bishop of Liverpool, presented the trophy to Tim Bradshaw, the

In cricket, as well as theology, it appears that there is

such a thing as the Oxford Movement. This was the sixth time in the past nine years that Oxford had triumphed. There was not much doubt that their score of 234 for two in 50 overs would prove beyond Chester's resources, gamely though Cheshire fielded.

Nobody was complaining much, for it was too good a day out. The sun shone, the outfield looked at its lateseason best, the club proved immensely hospitable and so the mood was benign. On this fine ground, which is situated across the road from Christchurch, Southgate, where the Oxford wicketkeeper, Brian Mountford, was once the vicar, it felt like glorious early The teams qualified for the

final after winning knockout matches at the quarter and semi-final stages. Before that they played group games and Chester did well to emerge from the one that held Liverpool, who have appeared in more than 20 finals. London, winners last year, are one of the other strong sides but this summer Oxford pulled rank. Their best-known player is

Andrew Wingfield-Digby. who played minor counties cricket for Dorset and has acted as a spiritual adviser to though Raymond Iliingworth took such a dim view of his unofficial ministry that, two years ago, when his word was still law, he banned him from the dressing-room.

Wingfield-Digby went in to hat in the third over yesterday and, in the last over of the innings, he completed his hundred. He promptly swatted an enormous six into the bushes at long-on and walked off undefeated, having added 87 runs in the last ten overs with Andrew Rimmer, who made 42 of them from 31 There were some mo-

ments of fortune along the way. When Wingfield-Digby had made seven, he was dropped be-hind the wicket. Later on he was caught at cover and, as he was walking off, Alan Flook, the umpire, indicated that he had signalled a noball for a ball bowled above waist height. Then, on 79. Wingfield-Digby wafted a drive to long on, where the fielder made a hash of an attempted catch.

reach double-figures and they never matched the required rate. The shadows lengthened, the hues of green became ever deeper in the fading light and the scene became beautifully tranquil. even in this urban setting.



Wingfield-Digby on his way to a hundred in the Church Times Cup final yesterday

### Middlesex scent opportunity

BY JOHN THICKNESSE

TAUNTON (third day of quick spell with the new ball, four): Somerset, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 179 runs ahead of Hancock with speed and extra bounce. While Windows resisted abrasively at one end,

> HEADSTRONG batting by the Somerset top order handed Middlesex an unexpected half-chance of the win that they need to stay in contention for the Britannic Assurance county championship.

They looked like creating a winning position without co-Lawrence was now sent in as a second nightwatchman operation while Jacques Kallis and Owais Shah were adding and there might so easily have been an appropriate end to his 70 off 14 overs in the first hour. day. Thrusting resolutely for-Of those, the South African Kallis scored 51, mainly ward to Strang, he was dropped at slip, three balls through strokes of perfect timing through the covers.

legside, was surprised by

Kallis's call for a single and was run out at the bowler's end by Rob Turner's speed from behind the stumps and accurate throw, which knocked out the middle stump.

With Kallis on his way to his third hundred in seven innings. Middlesex might have forged a three-figure lead had the stand lasted another hour. Instead, the last six wickets fell for 86. Caddick taking the vital one when Kallis edged him to first slip. The remaining five went to Mushtag, all but that of Tufnell to an attacking stroke. Brown, silently suffering, was left high and dry with 30.

Such wastefulness seemed unlikely to matter when Somming through the covers.

Then, at 180, Shah, playing within an hour. Lathwell's 35 off successive Tufnell overs Mushtaq defensively into the wicket was the most needless. in which the sinking sun was run out as the non-striker each time a factor.

when he risked a single to fineleg. Pooley accepting the chance to hit the stumps from

Dell oo 150

Yet, as in Somerset's first innings, Burns, the No 6. introduced a much-needed note of calm. By the simple expedient of eliminating risk - he took 20 overs getting into double figures - he gave the innings stability and showed the pitch for the near-featherhed that it was.

Trescothick stole the limelight, hitting a six and seven fours in a 101-ball 65 before he fell victim to his favourite stroke, the sweep - but luck had been on his side, with a mishit into space off Fraser

BASEBALL

INTER-LEAGUE GAMES: Atlanta 4 Deboil 12° Crucano Cubs 10° Minnesota 6. Philadelpina 5 New York Yankers 4. Pritsburgh 3 Ceveland 7° Cricinnala 6 karners Cny 3. Fronds 7° Batimore 6; Montreal 1 Boston 0, New York Melts 4 Toronto 2 Houston 4, Mahrauker 0, St. Lune 4 Cm Witne Sox 2, Texas 5 Los Angeles 2, Qelvland 12 San Francisco 3, Seettle 5 San Diego 6

CRICKET

DERBY (third day of four). Derbyshire, with nine secondinnings wickets in hand, are 83 runs behind Northamptonshire

WRITE about cricket from Derby and you are inevitably faced with the need for a section covering activity off the field before getting down to the performance on it. First, there was the question of whether DeFreitas had resigned the captaincy of Derbyshire overnight, miffed by the fact that, while others had been asked their views about next year's leadership, he, the

incumbent, had not. There seemed good grounds for believing this. Carl controversy. Kevin Curran, Krikken led the team out first the centrepiece of Northamp public address announcer

By JACK BAILEY drew attention. Later, how-

DeFreitas at centre of mystery

ever, DeFreitas appeared to be in command. Confusion was not entirely dispelled when later the newly-appointed di-rector of coaching. Andy Hayhurst, the chairman and the secretary of the club, having at last confirmed the release of Manhew Vandrau. denied the DeFreitas story. The belief persisted, among members and others, that De-Freitas had resigned, but had later been talked round.

Meanwhile, on the field, Derbyshire strove hard, but could not prevent Northamptonshire from gaining a first innings lead of 142. Even the day's cricket was tinged with controversy. Kevin Curran, thing, something to which the tonshire's effort, appeared to have been given out caught

had no contact with the bat. He was by then 14 runs short of a well-deserved century having come in at the fall of the second wicket and watched four others come and go during the four and a quarter hours he stood firm.

behind, off the glove which

Starting from a spring-board of 104 for one, Northamptonshire found contact difficult against Malcolm and Harris. Fordham had added only 13 when he got an edge to be caught at second slip. Curran apart, twenties and thirties became the order of the day. Cassar made good use of the second new ball and the last five wickets fell for 24 runs.

Dominic Cork batted well denying the visitors more than one overnight wicket.

### YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

### Britannie Assurance county championship Derbyshire v Northamptonshire

DERBY (third day of lour). Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 83 nurs behind Northemptonshire DERBYSHIRE: First Invengs 192 Second Innings

TA Tweets not out . . 

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First livings

(0 4, 10 5, w 4, no 14) ..... CARE 21 120 OVERS 334-9
FALL OF WICKETS 1-89, 2-124, 3-156, 4213, 5-249, 6-310, 7-318, 6-326, 9-334.
BOWLING Melcolm 23-4-28-4; Defrages 23-6-39-1; Cork 11-1-38-1; Herris 25-4-75-1; Lacoy 23-8-34-0, Clarke 4-0-28-0; Casser , 11-2-31-3

Bonus points Derbyshire 4 Northampton-shae 7 Umpres H D Bird and D J Constant.

Durham v Warwickshire CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four). Durham, with five second-mungs wickers in hand, need 174 runs to avoid an innings delear against Warmickshire WARNICKSHIRE: First hinnings 412 (M A Wagh 124, N V Knight 92, S J E Brown 4 for 135)

J S Lews c Donald b Brown ... 4
S Hutson c Ostler b Glies ... 20
J E Morns Ibw b Brown ... 3
\*\*D C Boon b Welch ... 16
IM P Speight of Peper b Brown ... 16
IM P Speight of Peper b Brown ... 18
M S Weston Ibw b Gilles ... 29
M J Foster st Piper b Glies ... 29
M J Foster st Piper b Glies ... 29
M J Betts b Donald ... 3
J E Brown c Piper b Donald ... 3
J E Brown c Piper b Donald ... 15
Extras (b 3, ib 9, w 4, rib 2) ... 18
Extras (b 3, ib 9, w 4, rib 2) ... 18 Tube (46.4 overs) 118, 2-21, 3-45, 4-62, 5-60, 6-75, 7-92, 8-92, 9-102

BOMLING Donald 14.4-7-33-3, Brown 10-3-28-3, Welch 9-4-16-1; Gles 13-5-29-3 Second Innings
JJB Lewis c Piper b Brown
S Hutton c Oster b Brown
JE Morris c Penney b Giles
D C Born and child M P Speight flow b Donald ..... 

91. BOMUNG: Donald 10-4-21-1, Brown 11-6-15-2: Welch 6-2-22-0, Giles 19-6-23-1, Smith 9-0-30-0. Bonus points Durham 3 Warwickshire ? Umpires. B Leadbealer and G Sharp Kent v Gloucestershire

CANTERBURY (there day of four) Glaucestershire, with an second-minus wickets in hand, require 423 nums to beat KENT: First Inmings 305 (A P Wells 77) Second Indiags

SO THAT they Would be aute to establish

Total (4 wide dec) 432 FALL OF WICKETS 1-68, 2-111, 3-304, 4-

Total (4 wice) 5 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-40, 3-59, 4-55

Borus points, kent 7 Gloucestershire 8 Lancashire v Essex

OLD TRAFFORD (thed day of four). Lancashire, with four second-knings with-ets in hand, require 138 runs to best Esset SSSSX: First transage 289 (S.G. Law 155, R.J. Rollins 60 not out; G. Keedy 4 for 98) Second immigs lorieited LANCASHIRE: First Irrings

Total (no wid dec. 15 overs) ... "J P Chambey, N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, ID Austin. TW h. Hogg, G Yares, R J Green, P J Martin and G Keedy did not bel. BOWLING: Soit 4-2-9-0; D R Law 4-2-8-0; Grayson 4-0-17-0; Such 3-1-3-0.

Yeles not out. 90M.ING. liots 8-1-25-0, Cowan 6-1-16-0. Such 26-7-61-3; D.R.Law 4-1-17-1; Grayson 21-7-87-2 Bonus points Lancashire 4 Essex 4

Umpires B Dudieston and R A White Nottinghamshire v Hampshire TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four). Not-inghematine, with eight second-miles wickets in hand, are 125 runs shead of Hambehire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First knings 291 (M P Downen 74, J P Stephenson 6 for 54) Second Immge M P Dowman c Milburn b Savident R T Robinson low b Renshaw ..... 

M Keech & Downnan b Tolley

LD Stenhenson & Noon b Evans . "J P Stephenson e Noon b Evans .
†A N Aymes c and b Oram
S D Udal not out
L Savident not out
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 2, nb 2) Total (6 wids dec, 77.4 overs) ...... S J Renshain and S M Milburn did not be FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-146, 3-146, 4-168, 5-178, 6-255.

BOWLING: Bowen 20-2-60-1 Oram 17.4-1-

62-2; Today 18-3-58-1; Evans 17-3-68-2; Alzual 5-1-11-0 Bonus points. Notarighametrie 4 Hamashir Limoures, Fi Julian and A.G.T. Wheeread Somerset v Middlesex

TAUNTON (third day of four). Somerset, with five second-innings wickets in hand, and 179 runs ahead of Middlesex SOMERSET: First Immags 241 (R J Turner 71, G D Rose 56 not out, P C R Turnet 4 for 53)

53)
Second innings
1R J Tumer Row b Frasier
P C L Hollowsy P Pooley b Johnson
3 C Ecclesions b Howert
M N Lathwell run out
M E Trescotthek, c kalls b Tuinel
M Burns not out
G D Rose not out.
Earns (6 4, w 2, nb 6)

5-162 BOWLING Fraser 11-3-30-1, Hewin 6-0-23-1, Johnson 12-2-34-1, Tutneti 17-5-52-1, Kalle, 5-1-9-0; Ramprekash 5-0-22-0

MIDDLESEX: First francis Minutures of Caddick
J C Pooley c Lathwell b Caddick
J H Kalls c Hollowey b Caddick
- M R Rempresseth b Caddick
- M W Gatterig flow b Caddick
O A Shah nin out
D C Nash c Ecclesione b Mushlag of R Brown not out R L Johnson c Turner b Mushked P Hewrit c Turner b Mushked

BOWLING Caddid 23-4-71-4, Shine 12-2-84-0; Rose 12-2-26-0, Mushlang Phimed 19-4-2-88-5; Herzberg 2-0-6-0 Bonus points Somersel 5 Middleses 6 Umpires B J Meyer and D R Snephera

Surrey v Glamorgan THE OVAL (third day of tour) Surrey, will four second-image inchess in hand, are 9 runs ahead of Glemorgan SURFIEY: First lannings 204 (A D Brown 60)

Eallas (b 5, b) 6, w 21 -215, 5-354. SOWLING Wager Yourus 15-4-49-2 Welfur 16-0-61-1, Cook 21-2-84-1, Cosker 17-2-78-0, Thomas 13-1-41-1

GLAMORGAN: First Innings S P James Ibw b Beknell H Moms c Stewen b Saqlan A Dale c Stewan b B C Hoficate M P Maynaud c and b Bechnell M P Mayraid C and D Bothell

P D B Croft fow b B C Hollooke

I D B Croft fow b B C Hollooke

A D Shaw fow b Salicoury

S D Thomas not out

Wisgar Youris c Butcher b Sargein

S L Waitin flow b A J Hollooke

B Croft fow b A J Hollooke D A Coster Ibw b A J Holloake Euras (b 8, Ib 15, w 4, nb 20)

Total (115 overs) 438
FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-50, 3-12; 4229, 5-261, 6-306, 7-337, 6-356, 9-438
FOMEUNG Bickhold 30-193-2, Bengman 130-72-0, Septem Mushtart 31-9-9-2, B-C
Holloade 25-3-91-3, A-J Holloade 20-72-2, Self-base 14-151-1 Banus paints: Surrey 5 Glampigan B Umpres GI Burgess and JF Steele

Yorkshire v Worcestershire HEADINGLE) than devol local "Norcestar-shire, with four "inst-vinings versions in hand are 188 runs behand Yonishin." VORKSHIRE First Inners

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P D Stemp and P M Huchton riid not bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-42, 2-158, 3-243, 4-301 5-323, 6-379 7-422 BOWLING Shenys 28 4-2-126-1, Mirza 16-3-56-1 Lampin 19-5-68-0 Haynes 21-3-81-1, Micparin 39-13-118-3; Moody 4-0-21-0, HzJ, 5-1-26-0 WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immigs

"TM Moody's Bakey b Huchson
WP C Weston un out
G A Huch c' Aughan b Hamilton
WR Sprang b Hamilton
GR Hamnes st Blakey b Stemp
D A Leatherdale c Parkes b Stemp
S J Rhodes not out
S R Lampet not out (5 8, lb 4, nb 36)

R K Wingworth, A Shenyar and M M Mirza to FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-110, 3-132, 4-157, 5-231, 6-244 131 P-31, 0-349 80WLNG Swenvood 16-3-50-0 Hutchson 9-3-31-1, Hamilton 15-3-50-2, White 17-2-55-0; Stemp 25-5-74-2; Vaughan 8-0-33-0, Lehmann 2-0-8-0 Banus points. Yorkshire 6 Worcestershire 5 Umpres J.C Baiderstone and A Clarkson

SECOND X2 CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three)\* Edgbuston: Notinghamstine 2999 dec (R W J Hownt 59, P R Pollard 75) and 48-0 dec; Warnelshine 10-1 dec and 287-9 (A Singh 123) Match drawn, Castleford: Yorkshire 141 and 400-6 dec (R A Natiectorough 93, M J Wood 87, C A Chapman 68, P J Hurlley 52), Derbyshine 251-4 dec. (G A Nhan 70, S D Shubbings 65) Match drawn, jaccond day of three) Hindday; Glantorgan 261-9 dec and 121-2; Laccestershine 182-4 dec (D Stevens 103 not out) Howe Sussex 271 and 85-2; Hampshire 312 (F D James 87, R J Kritey 4-60). (first day of three)\* Worcestership 214-8 (C Drapple 4-29) v Lancestine Colichester; Sonerset 130 (J C Lancester)\* Lancershire Colchester: Somerset 130 (J.) Powell 4-41), Essex 117-5 (B.) Trott 5-12)

EQUESTRIANISM BLENHEIM VALDOHALL MONTEREY IN-TERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS (leading possitions after first day of dressage) 1, Out

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL kick-oft 7:30 unless stated CRICKET Britannic Assurance Nationwide League First division Bredford v Sunderland (7 45) ... ... Second division

Gillingham v Bournemouth (7.45) . ... Southend v Brentford (7.45) . ... Christ division
Chester v Hull
Leyton Onen't v Cambridge Utd (7-45)
Marckefield v Darlington (7-45)
Mansfield v Doncaster (7-45)

Vauxitell Conference Scottish Challenge Cup Third round

OR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division Grucester
ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Gravesend and Northfeet v Enfield: Walton and
Hersham v kingstonian (7 45); Heybridge v
Aylesbury First division: Abrigdon Touri v
Barron Rovers. Berkhamsted v Medennead, Hampton v Croydon; Leyton Pennant
v Urbridge: Thome United v Wokingham
Second division: Brackmet v Egham;
Edgware v Bedford T Third alterion:
Clapton v Southeth Tring v Lewes.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Hanogale Touri v Brackred Pk Ave. gale Town & Bradford Pk Ave. PONTIN'S LEAGUE. Premier divis PRESS 8 JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Cove v Keith (8.0) UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES

FA CARLSBERG VASE: First qualifying

ound, Someisham v Warboys INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Barwell

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary Round

Nanavier Town v Stockport. SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First

county championship 10 30, final day of lour, 104 overs minimum DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Warwickshife OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Esser TAUNTON: Somerset v Middlessa THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgen HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Worcesia 10 15, final day of four, 104 overs minerals CANTERBURY: I an v Gloucesters! TRENT BRIDGE: Notinghamshire v

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of Bristo): Glochester: Essex y Somersol. Bristo): Gloccestershire y Keni Hinddoy Town CC Leicestershire y Glamorgan Northempton: Northemptonshire y Surey. Howe: Suspex v Hampshee.

RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Premiership Preliminary Round

RUGBY UNION Heineken Cup Ulster v Glasgow P OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Blenham three-day gueni GOLF: Spotlish Sentors Open (al Abordeni ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Group A: Newcasile Cobras v Ayr Scotlish Eagles (7:0); Pasiley Prates v Manchester Starm (7:0), Group B: Basingstoke Bison v Peterborough Phates (7:30). TENNIS: Scotlish champonships (al

TENNIS: Section Grampolisas (a Edinbuch)
SPEEDWAY; Eille League: Belle Vie v Bradford (7:30); Peserborough v Woler-hampion (7:45) Premier League: Aresia Essex v Exeler (8:0); Erlinburgh v Hull (7:30) Oxford v Sheffield (7:45).

FOR THE RECORD Creek (K. Meacham, GB) 49 Spens; 2. William Hill (N. McDonnell, GB) 52 6, 3. Double Trust (S. Bullen, GB) 55 0; 4. Peny leids George (L. Law. GB) 55 2; 5. Vernax (H. Lelhoux, Fri 55 8, 8, The Soup Dragon II (N. Burton, GB) 56 2.

FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divi Notingham Forest 1 Manchester Cl Stoke 0 West Bromwich Albron 0: We

THIRD DIVISION: Brighton 2 Pe

VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Famboring SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUP; round: Failuit 3 Stranger 0; Gre Morror 1 Cyclobank 0 MOTORY 1 CHOISEAR O' UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Gansborough 4 Alfreton o' First division: Bragtoid P A O Tuefford 1; Uncoin United 3 Stocksbridge PS (). DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Pred

DH MWH ZHING ZHAROE 2 HOTHER MINISTER Salebury 6 Dorchester 3. Midland division: Cotty 2 Paget 2, R C Warwick 2 Shasched Dynamo 2 Feunds 4 Wisboch 1; Solimal Boto 1 Biblamal (1 Southern division: Dartiord 2 Beldock 1, Havant 0 Bechley 2: Newport A F C 2 Yale 2. CIS LEAGUE: First division; Postponed: Crtydon v Thame Second division: Cheshum 0 Windsor and Elon 3 AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First

Tottenham 1.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: 
Rhmingham 0 Derby 1; Blackburn 1 
Liverpool 0; Leeds 5 Prestion 0; Evenon 0 
Trarmier D First division's Middlesbrough 2 
Oldham 2: Notis County 2 Bolton 5 
Second division: Barrisky 0 Succipon 1; 
Backpool 2 Lincoln 1. Bushersen D Sumley 0; 
Streweibury 1 Rochdale 1; York 1 Cartisle 2; 
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TELEVISION CHOICE

# Mandela runs risk of rejection

The eleventh hour has arrived in Lausanne. It is, unnervingly, the 25th anniversary of the day Pales-tinian terrorists killed II members of the Israel team at the Munich Olympic Games and, explosively, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has chosen today to decide which of five cities will stage the Games in 2004.

All appears quiet, save for the murmurings in the corridors that Rome retains its position as favourite, a position that emanated from its favourable report by the Evaluation Commission months

There are those who look to President Nelson Mandela. who addresses the IOC membership in room 280 at the Palais de Beaulieu at 10.30 this morning, to prove that one man's remarkable oratory, his emotion and his African cause can swing sufficient votes to take the flame to Cape Town.

There are others suggesting that Athens, despite the eerie lack of attendance for the some

days of the world athletics championships this summer. is gaining ground on the basis of a feeling of guilt among the IOC — guilt at having shunned the opportunity to take the Centenary Games back to Green and instead delivering these are the transfer. delivering them to that soulless centre of Coca-Cola,

However, who is guilty? When you look around the members these days, there is a fresh spring in the stride. There are more familiar faces, former competitors such as Killy and Guy Drut, younger members who remember the dynamism of competition.

Given that Stockholm has built its plea as the city where the athletes can best perform, the city with the clean ecological environment, who is to say that the 22 first-time voters. nearly a quarter of the IOC, will not heed the word of the athletes and defy the sound of

Athens this week became the second of the five candi-





on the race to stage the 2004 Olympics.

date cities after Stockholm to be targeted by anarchist violence. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the venerable father of the Olympic movement who was vesterday re-elected for a fourth term as IOC president with a mandate that carries him to his 81st year, has struck a chord in saying that Olympiviolence. He also, thank goodness, reiterated strongly that the IOC will not lessen its fight against drugs.

Stockholm is the first to put its case in a 55-minute presen-tation this morning, followed by Cape Town, then Athens, then the outsider. Buenos Aires, with the last word, it seems, to come from Rome. The Italians remain confi-

dent. However, it would not be

Rome without dissent, not Italian without self-wounding. Jas Gawronski, a member of the Senate in Italy, this week penned an article denouncing Rome, accusing its bid of falsifying facilities and, in spiteful humour contradicting the claim that the centre of Rome could be reached from Fiumicino airport in 23 minutes. "Perhaps Michael Schumacher would be able to accomplish such a feat." Gawronski wrote, "but only at night and with no traffic."

Yet, with some of the insinuations, rumours and backbiting at last to be ended, the

prospect of supporting wider emancipation in South Africa is said to be falling on deaf ears. "If not now, then when might Africa be a candidate?" the South Africans and others

are asking. The response, particularly among Europeans, is that Mandela's democracy young, that maybe 2008 would be proper. By then, Shanghai will have opened its bid for China, London, with the £200 million revamped Wembley Stadium at its core, could be a rival ... and the Dark Continent will not see the

light. Also out is golf. Believe it or not, there are those who hoped that the time was ripe, the potential profits too rich to reject, and that Tiger Woods et al could bestride the Olympics. Sydney, the site of the 2000 Games, reiterated yesterday that its programme is full and that the golfers can go and play elsewhere.

Cape Town's bid, page 13 Leading article, page 19

# A pedigree soap opera?

### BBC1, 8.00pm

The success of this series, apart from the fact that it is about pets, lies in the increasingly popular ploy of treating a documentary like a soap opera, with twice-weekly instalments, regular characters and overlapping stories. Tonight's cast comprises two familiar faces and, just to vary things, two making their first appearance. Trude, the engaging Norwegian, is coping much better in the real world than her tortured progress at vet school might have suggested, but Julie's first job has fallen apart after only three months. Joining the show tonight is Mike, who decided to practise his veterinary skills far away in Botswana. Castrating a jackal on his bedroom table is a far cry from the usual run of sick puppies. Fiona returns from a Turkish holiday to start a new practice in Cornwall. The success of this series, apart from the fact that it to start a new practice in Cornwall.

### ITV. 8.00pm

Considering the need to supply three new programmes week after week, the standard is still surprisingly high. Even so, *The Bill* does seem to have lost some of its old bite and settled for a steady routine. It is a good idea, therefore, to refresh the format with a story that runs over two episodes instead of the usual one. Written by Maxwell the usual one. Written by Maxwell Young, A Breach of Trust gives a chance for two of the show's less prominent characters, DS Daly (Ray Ashcroft) and WPC Blake (Lolita Chakrabarti), to take centre stage as they investigate a man accused of stalking a woman nurse. As usual we follow the case through the police eyes and the scenario is as much about conflicts between the officers on how to handle the conflicts between the officers on how to handle the suspect as it is about the progress of the investigation. The concluding part is on Tuesday.

### Dangerfield BBC1, 9.40pm

Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

This is the fourth series of Dangerfield but its ten million followers will be pleased to know that it is not the last, even though Nigel Le Vaillant has decided to hang up his stethoscope at the end of it. Having also played a doctor in Casualty, Le Vaillant is moving on to other, no doubt non-medical, things. His replacement is to be Dr

The second in this series about great libel cases looks as promising as the first, which concerned three Labour politicians who sued *The Spectator*.

three Labour politicians who sued The Spectator. This week's case goes back to the 1930s and a Hollywood blockbuster called Rasputin, The Mad Monk. A Russian princess was portrayed in the film as having been raped, but she was still alive and sued MGM, claiming the incident never happened. MGM tried to plead that some princesses had been raped, if not the one whose name they had used. The key consequence of the case was that it made the closing credits of all subsequent films longer: now, they all contain the paragraph about characters bearing no resemblance to anyone living or dead.

RADIO 1

7.00cm The Breakfast Show with Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbet 4.00 Mark Goodier 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Pete Tong — Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jurigle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show with Tim Westwood 3.00cm Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up To Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Denis Guilley Shares The Sest of Times The first of seven reflections on a ffeltime in show business 7.30 Enday Night is Music Night, Live from the Futurist Theetire in

Scarborough, with the BBC Concert Orchestra under Rodenck Dunk 9.15 The Tailor of Panama 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Shendan Mortey 12.05am Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00

After Hours 2,00cm Up All Night with Fisched Callyn



Nigel Le Vaillant as Dangerfield (BBCI)

Jonathan Paige, played by Nigel Havers, whom we will meet later. Presumably the show will have to be called Paige, which does not have the same ring. Meanwhile. Le Vaillant's GP-cum-police surgeon still has a stressful life running a surgery, helping to solve crimes and worrying about his difficult offspring. And there is always the chance that this most eligible of television widowers will find a new partner. Hannah Waterman, daughter of Dennis, guest-stars in tonight's episode as a young mother suspected of killing her haby.

### Room 101 BBC2, 10.00pm

RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 8.50pm

Those tuning in and hoping to see Ulrika Johnsson in this slot will have to wait for another occasion. A schedule change means that instead of Ulrika's least favourite things we get Mark Lamarr's. The least tayourite things we get Mark Lamarrs, the comedian and game show host has an unusual selection of pet hates to offer for the mythical trash can of eternity and may create a record for this show by including absolutely nothing from television. That would seem to limit the choice but lamar will comes up with an intribution list. In Lamarr still comes up with an intriguing list. It includes baby talk, on the argument that the last thing babies want when they are trying to make sense of the world is having adults making silly noises at them. Lamarr also distikes films with applitude though he quotes an universal and subtitles (though he quotes an untypical and perhaps eccentric example), old wives tales and telephone chat lines.

Peter Waymark

Three Writers in Search of a Character

John Brown was Queen Victoria's personal attendant at Balmoral for 34 years, though he was at Windsor when he died in 1883. The relationship

between Victoria and Brown is a key part of tonight's opener in a four-part series whose brief.

somewhat ambitiously, is to root out the real person behind the public image. The three writers talking to John Florance about Victoria are Dorothy Thompson and Lady Longford, both of

whom have written biographies of the monarch, and Jeremy Brock, who wrote the screenplay for the film Mrs Brown. Not to be accused of lacking in range, the series features in its other programmes Elvis Presley, Friedrich Nietzsche and Emily Brontë.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST, News on the hour, 6.00es; Newshour 6.30 Europe 7.15 World Today 7.30 Close Encounters. Contempo-

rary Life in an English Cathedrel 7.45 The Way We Are 8,15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Music Review 9.00 News in Germen 9.10 Pauce for Thought 9.15 Performence: Stars of India 9.30 John Peel

### ROWING: SCULLERS LEAD IMPRESSIVE LIST OF QUALIFIERS ON DAY OF SEMI-FINAL SUCCESS

## **Britons** set for final reckoning

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, IN AIGUEBELETTE

"WHO says Britain is not a sculling nation?" David Tanner, the Great Britain team manager, asked after the world championship semifinals here yesterday. Nobody stepped forward, for Britain had enjoyed another remarkable day, with six of the seven British boats racing progressing to the finals tomorrow. The only failure, for the women's pair, was caused by

Tanner's comment reflected the fact that four of the successes had come in sculling events, another piece of British team history. Greg Searle, in his first year as a sculler, continues to take unexpected scalps.
In his star-studded semi-final

Results

yesterday, he was lying fifth at 500 metres with four world and Olympic medal-winners pick them off, finishing, with something to spare, in second place behind Iztok Chop, the World Cup champion, from Siovenia.

The enthusiasm of Searle, who is now leaner by 5kg under the direction of his coach, Harry Mahon, is infectious, but focused. "I need to calm down now and think about the next 48 hours," he

There was similar singlemindedness from the two female scullers, Guin Batten, the heavyweight, and Jane Hall, the lightweight, who qualified in second and third places respectively. Batten, Searle, was fifth at 500 metres in a race where third place had looked an outside possibility behind Rutschow, of Germany, and Neykova, of Bulgaria. Like Searle, she moved through, taking third place at 1,500 metres and then enjoying the bonus of overtaking the Bulgarian by the finish. It was a far cry from the disappointing Batten seen at Henley and Lucerne.

'I usually produce the goods when it matters," she said. The engine is back. It wasn't firing before.

Hall, again like Searle, has switched to sculling this year after winning medals in four world rowing championships. She is relishing the switch. "I would give up all my rowing medals to reach the sculls final," she had said earlier.

Another sculling revelation is the speed and technique of Miriam Batten, Guin's elder Gillian Lit the women's double. They won their semi-final vesterday with ease, not bothering to undertake a faster final 500 metres, as they had planned. "It was like a dream, we were moving so well," Batten said. "It has never felt so floaty."

The unaccustomed success of the scullers overshadowed the rather more expected first place calmly achieved by Britain's coxless four, with the the Olympic champions, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, on board. The crew led the race throughout and never varied their rate from 36



Searle powers into second place, where he finished with something to spare, yesterday

strokes a minute as Italy, chasing in second place, pushed up to 40 at the line. Britain's other World Cup acesetters. Bob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, had to produce a big third 500 metres to squeeze through in the tougher coxless pairs semi-final, in

Cup champions, finished last. Hunt-Davis said that he had suffered "nervous retching" during the first few strokes. They could be in the medal hunt if they can combine their aggression with technique.

By the end of the day, Britain had 13 crews through which Lithuania, the World to the finals this weekend. A

possible fourteenth had been the women's coxless pair, who were considered to be medal contenders, but Cath Bishop, the stroke, developed a temperature of 102F, so Francesca Zino, from the women's eight, joined Dot Blackie in the boat. The makeshift pair missed the final by 0.7sec.

### TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorrane Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 The People's Princess 9.00 Mike Allen

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### CLASSIC FM

3.00mm Mark Griffiths 5.00 Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto (r)

### VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Robin Banks 6.00 Paul Coyte (FMI) / Nick Abbot (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forest 2.00am Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Dvo/ák (String Quartet in F. Op 96, American); Balakirev (Islamey): Monteverdi (Mersire vaga Angioletta); Warlock (Capriol Surie), Chopin (Rondo à la Mecur in F, Op 5), Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice)

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9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young, includes Rameau (Overture: Dardanus); Mozart (Flute Quariet in A, K298); Hotst (Psalm 86); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 2)

10.00 Musical Encounters, Introduced by Chris Wines, includes Beethoven (Bagatelle in A minor); Tchalkovsky (String Quartet No 3 in E flat minor, Op 30); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 4 in D, BW/1069); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 4 in D, BW/1069); Beethowen (Boods in G, Op 51 No 2).

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12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert

1.00pm News; Plsendef at the Court of Dresden. Presented by Nicholas Anderson, Collegium Musicum 90, under Simon Standage, Tetermann (Violin Concerto in B flat), Pisendef (Violin Concerto in 
Orchestra of the Royal Opera House
5.00 Music Machine, with Torrimy Pearson (r)
5.15 in Tune, with Natalie Wheen Includes Prokoliev
(Visions Fugitives, Op 22, selection); Conton
Nancarrow, air Mikhashoff (Study No 7 for Player
Plano); Barber (Violin Concerto)
7.30 RBC Prome 97 Concertos

7.30 BBC Proms 97. Consort and Players, under Paul McCreesh. Monleverdi (Vago Augefielto; Ardo, Awampo; Ardo e Scoprir; Lemento della Ninta; O Sa Tranquilli Mare; Hor Ch'el Clel e la Terra 8.05 Venus and Adonis, Piers Burton-Page explores the world of Hans Werne Henze's new page 8.30. Coccedi pat her bleve Merce de explores the word of Hans Werne Henze's new opera 8.30 Concert, part two. Henze (Venus and Adonis). With Evelyn Haritzius, soprano, Eldehard Wisschiffa, baritone, BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Markus Stert:

9.50 To Bahta and Beyond. The poets Simon Armitage and Glyn Maxwell spend a night in the rainforest as they conclude their journey through Brazi (5/5)

10.15 Hear and Now (Sounding the Century).
Andrew Sparling introduces a special invitation concert recorded last June at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios Robin Carter, obos, Music Projects London, under Richard Bernas. Brian Femeyhough (Aligebrah for Oboe and Nine Strings); Barbara Monk Feldman (Verses for Five), Lusgi Nono (Canti per Tredici); Comelius Cardew (Octet 61); Femeyhough (Epicycle for 20 Solo

Sings)
11.45 Proms Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn.
Introduced by Roger Nichols (r)
12.45am Hard Bop, Soft Focus, Alyn Shipton
continues his history of the Blue Note Record
Labol (6/8) (c) Label (5/6) (r)

1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornel

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 5.30 Today, Includes Sports News and Thought for the Day 8.45 Personal History, by Katharine Graham

10.00 News; South News and Hoght for me Day 8.45 Personal History, by Katharine Graham (5/10)
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Dises. Sue Lawley's guest is the singer Cleo Laine (r)
9.45 Feedback. Chris Dunkley reads out listeners opinions on air
10.00 News; Libel. See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Shella McClennon
11.30 Woman's Hour, with Shella McClennon
11.30 The Natural History Programme, Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures.
Derek Cooper celebrates the perfect country pub, and discovers the ingredients that make the ideal local, by visiting the Birch Hall Inn in Yorkshire (r)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Alex Brodie

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Aspern Papers. The first of Jane Beeson's two-part dramatisation of the novel by Henry James. With James

Laurenson, Angela Pleasence and Moira Lister

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Tim Marlow sees Arnold Wesker's play. Chips with Everything, starring Julian Glover, and visits the aircraft museum nawly designed by Norman Foster

4.45 Short Story: The Lava Tree, by Janice Fox. A council decides to improve a pensioner's housing Read by Stephen Thoma

5.50 PM, with Clare English and Charlle Lee-Potter
5.50 Shapping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. David Stafford presents more ideas for days out Includes the Sheffield singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth spending a day in Mabletrorpe
7.00 Mayor 7.05 The Actual Control of Cont

Mablethorpe
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serie presents his selection from the week's BBC television and radio programmes
8.05 Hype or Hypothesis. Jez Nelson chairs a scientific debate entitled The Patenting of Life is a Very Good Thing Indeed
8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character. See Choice

8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character. See Choice Choice Choice 9.15 Letter from America. Another slice of life Stateside served up by Alistair Cooke (r) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: To the Lighthouse, by Virginia Wooti, Read by Ebsen Alións (5/10) (r) 11.00 Do Go On. The first of a lighthearted discussion senes with Ainsley Elliot and guests. This weeks participants include the geneticist Jetf Dodman, and the comedians Grift Thrys Jones and Graeme 11.25 Tea Junction, with Petriol, Mannes.

Garden
11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick Hannan
11.45 Back Here. Stephen Perry, returning to England after working in the USA, compares the two countries (r)
12.00 News Includes 12.25am approx Weather
12.30am Late Book: The Woman and the Ape, by Peter Hoeg. Read by Helen Schlesinger (10/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)
1.00 As World Service

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(b) In the mechanism of a gun-lock, an oscillating tongue pivoted over the half-cock notch in the tumbler, to prevent the sear from eatching therein when the cock falls. A variant of detent affected by

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(b) In ancient Greek music, a name given to several different intervals smaller than a tone, especially the Pythagorean semitone, equal to the difference between two major tones and a perfect fourth. From the Greek for a sending through or apart. In modern music, the interval equal to the difference between three major thirds and an octave, or between the chromatic and diatonic semitones.

(c) Under the Byzantine emperors, the governor of a distant province, as Africa or Italy, in the latter case with the title Exarch of Ravenna. The title was revived in the Holy Roman Empire. "Governed by a lieutenant of the Emperor of Constantinople, under

(a) The action of hissing off the stage, ignominious rejection. From the Latin ex off + sibilare to hiss. "He is to be ignominiously

### BOWLS Play-offs attract mixed field

### By DAVID RHYS JONES

THE Professional Bowls Association (PBA) exists to help aspiring professionals carve out a career in an essentially amateur game, but the PBA play-offs today have attracted a mixed crew of contenders to Blackpool, where four will qualify for the International Open at Preston next month. Among those hoping to make their television debuts in October are Danny May, an H-yearold from Cumbria, and George

said. "It was our intention to make bowls at professional level accessible to everyone and we are delighted that people like Danny and George are willing to have a go."

May knows he is unlikely to qualify for the International Open on this occasion, but he is looking further ahead. "I want to win the world indoor singles championship before I'm 22, which would make me the youngest-ever winner," he said. Then I'll probably retire by the time I'm 30 and take up golf." Ridgeon, as a tetraplegic, should not be able to propel a

length of a bowls rink, which is around 40 yards, but he does, "I'm a determined character." he said. "I'm not prepared to let setbacks get in my

The spotlight will also be on Phillis Nolan, of Dublin, who, with Margaret Johnston, has won the women's world pairs title three times in succession and who is one of seven women in the 73-strong field, and David Bryant, the world's most famous player, who is attempting to make a comeback at the age of 65.

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Ridgeon, from Gloucestershire.

who bowls from a wheelchair.
"Good luck to them," Richard

Corsie, the PBA chairman,

# Parting of the ways in Papua New Guinea

being disappointed with The Last Magician (BBC2). For a start it offered precious little in the way of magic. Chief Nalubutau, when we eventually got round to meeting him, turned out to be "keeper of the garden magic", which is apparently vital for the successful cultivation of yams, but no good at all for anything involving hats, rabbits or sawing women in half. I'd have settled for a yam sawn in half, but it was not to be.

Nor was it certain that Nalubutau was the last anything. True, his chosen successor, John Kasipwalova, was not exactly in the traditional mould of chieftains of the Trobriand Islands. He was more a chieftain of our time, talking excitedly of bringing computers, satellite communications and a luxury hotel to the island. But he could be flexible - he would plant a seedling for every

magnificent tree logged and his plans for the hotel development included an arts centre. No doubt yams and their anendant spells could be incorporated somewhere in his five-year plan.

Nalubutau was sceptical: "Your new village will be an end to our traditions." But nothing like as doubtful as William Takaku, who believes that economic develop-ment along Western lines spells the end of the traditional, tribal way of life on the Trobriands and in other parts of Papua New Guinea. As director of the national theatre company he had turned his economic and environmental beliefs into plays, which he takes from village to village. On this tour he also seemed to have stumbled across one of the fabled lost documentary teams of Papua New Guinea, which according to local legend, roam the remaining rain-forest looking for anything that might make a good 50 minutes. This time they had come up trumps. For while The Last Magician might not have quite lived up to its title, it was a beautifully observed and thoughtful film.

t helped that its two stars. Takaku and Kasipwalova, both spoke immaculate English, but it helped much more that both men were representative of types you'll find much closer to home than Port Moresby. Takaku, bearded and dreadlocked, was PNG's more eloquent answer to Swamny: against logging, mining, technology and anything that smacked of economic growth, Unexpectedly, his blacklist included hospitals: "If people have to die it's because God says they have to die." We'll get to God in a moment. Kasipwalova, on the other hand.

was his friendly capitalist nemesis.

That said, despite his command of

economic and management jar-

gon, I always had the impression

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of a man who talked a good deal rather than did them: all mouth and no sarong, as they say in these parts. If you find yourself staying in a luxury island hotel built around a beautiful natural swimming pool in a few years' time, you'll know I was wrong.

Bond

The most interesting part of the film was these two batting their economic and cultural beliefs to and fro. But the most moving and, evangelist, frankly depressing part of the film was Nalubutau's conversion to Catholicism the day after he stepped down as chieftain. With a triumphant priest hovering in the background, the old man tearfully reflected on a turbulent 48 hours. "I have let go all my traditions and put aside the riches of magic that my father gave me." As a result, he would not be going to Tuma, the spirit island of local tradition, when he died, but to Heaven, hopefully. "If I'm strong enough I will reach God in Heaven but if I fall," he said. finishing with a weary sigh, "it doesn't matter."

There were more tears in OED Challenging Children (BBC1), which kicked off a short series of films about modern parenting with Baby Love. For a while it looked as though it, too, would be very moving but ultimately it wasn't, Now this may be because

for all but the most fervent we are all emotionally spent at the Taggart (ITV) -- especially for evangelist, frankly depressing part moment or it may be because Richard Lintern. He's finally made having outlined the problem of mothers who do not love their babies, Charlotte Howarth, the producer, showed there was a comparatively straightforward solution once help was sought. Result? Much happier babies, much happier but tearful mothers and dry eyes all round, I'm afraid, at my house. Perhaps I missed some-

> r was it that I just resented being manipulated? With only two case histories and only one of them dealt with in detail, I felt we had lingered too long on Vicki's tearful therapy sessions without learning much that was new about post-natal depression or communicating with ba-bies. Still, I was glad she got the right sort of help and, more importantly, so were her babies. Finally, there was good news in

it out of the woodshed. Lintern, for those who need reminding, is the actor whose brooding good looks mean he is forever being banished to dark woodsheds as somebody's bit of rough. They gave him a nice dark shack in Plotlands, while in The Beggar Bride he did the brutish needful in a tumbledown keeper's cottage. Last night, however, as a promising three-parter got under way, he got his reward: a designer Glasgow flat (not so much an oxymoron these days as a cliché), an exotic girlfriend with a fur coat and not a rough-hewn plank in sight.

True, that still leaves the small problem of the shaven-headed Russian who was holding a knife to his throat as the final credits rolled, and the disconcerting statistic that we're an hour in and we've still only got one dead body. But I'm sure he'll think of something.

### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (52292) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (98349495) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (2287292) a 30 Style Challenge Maurean and Dave trom BBC1's Driving School (1025292)

9.55 Kilroy (T) (5074853) 10.35 Change That (1164679) 11.00 News (I) Regional News and weather (4436747) 11.05 The Realty Useful Show (1) (9476766)

11.35 Room for Improvement (2047766) 12.00 News (T) Regional News and weather

12.06 pm Call My Bluff (9277360) 12.35 Going for a Song Antiques quiz

1,00 One O'Clock News (T) (67037) 1.30 Regional News (17084747) 1.40 The Weather Show (87932360)

1.45 Neighbours Tim decides to do the decent thing and return to Ramsay Street (T) (77710940) 2.10 Quincy Klugman (6688719)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (7448308) 3.25 Playdays (7450143) 3.50 Postman Pat (1197308) 4.05 Benanaman (3214037)

4.15 To Me, to You (4242476) 4.35 Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (6251124) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9656360) 5.10 Record Breakers with guest Ainsley Harriott (r) (T) (5552056)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (709766) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) (501) 6.30 Regional News (853) 7.00 Weekend Watchdog Anne Robinson

presents more consumer reports, getting the facts on a typhoid epidemic that his British tourists in the Dominican Republic 7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (227)

8.00 Vets In Practice Mike Sandiford starts work in a Botswana animai orphanage (T) (8105) 8.30 Keeping Up Appearances The riverboat Routledge and Clive Swift (r) (T) (5740)

9:00 Nine O'Clock News (T) and weather 9.40 Dangerfield Paul is called in to investigate an alleged col

death (T) (939105) 10.30 Diana - The People's Vigil (14209) 11.00 Reflections (698921) 11.10 Parkinson: The Interviews A new series

begins with Ingrid Bergman (T) (474308) 11.45 News (666582)

11.55 Casablence (1942, bAv) starring
Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul
Henreid, Claude Rains, Sydney
Geenstreet and Peter Lorre. A romantic drame, the winner of three Oscars, set in wartime Morocco, about an American nightclub owner who meets an old flame and her husband, a Resistance leader, who both need to leave the country in a Directed by Michael Curtiz

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1.35em News and weather (2059148). Ends

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### BBC2

6.00am OU: The Changing Face of Poverty (4064495) 6.25 Somewhere a Wall Came Down (4076230) 6.50 Modelling in the Money Markets (5874230) 7.15 See Hear Breaklast News (1) (4914650)

7.30 Smurts' Adventures (r) (6012327) 7.55 Cartoon Critters (r) (7) (5017105) 8.20 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (9095691) 8.25 Wishing (5699872) 8.30 Teletubbles (10056) 9.00 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (2286563) 9.25 Flash Gordon (r) (T) (3482785) 9.45 Rocky Star (8287582) 9.50 Cartoon (8275747) 10.00 Teletulobles (42230)

10.30 Sherlock Holmes and the Spider Woman (1944, b/w) With Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce and Gale Sondergaard.

11.30 International Women's Cricket Highlights of England v South Africa. Ralph Deltor and Rachel Heyhoe Flint commentate (50230)

12.30pm Working Lunch (25476) 1.00 The Little Polar Bear (73090143) 1.05 Pingu (73099414) 1.10 The Craft Hour (9181376) 2.10 Wildlife on Two (r) (1) (31037292) 2.40 News (1441476) 2.45 Match of the Seventies (r) (T) (3392679) 3.25 News (T) (4494360) 3.30 Real Rooms (259) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (766) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6250495) 4.55 Esther (8940786) 5.30 Today's the Day (230)

6.00 Star Trek Kirk and his craw beam down to a planet which bears a remarkable resemblance to 1920s Chicago (r) (T)

6.50 The X Philes (304056) 7.00 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Final Preview David Gower looks forward to the clash between Warwickshire and

Essex (2607) 7.30 Top Gear Motorsport Highlights of the Firthish Relly (T) (679) 8.00 The Antiques Show (6747)

8.30 Gardeners' World A lady whose passion for gardening began 70 years ago (1) 9.00 Bottom The boys visit a dating agency to fix up Richie (r) (T) (4124)



Mark Leman reveals his hates (10.00)

10.00 Room 101 Mark Laman reveals to Nick Hancock the things he hates most (T) (15501)

10.30 Newsnight (922178) 11.15 The Outer Limits Science fiction drama (174899)

12.00 Lush Life (1993) Drama with Jeff Goldblum, Forest Whitaker and Kathy Baker. Directed by Michael Elias (941419)

1.45am Betrayed (1944) Drams staming Robert Mitchum, Kim Hunter and Dean Jagger, directed by William Castle 2.55 Weather (7587273)

6.00am GMTV Eraly morning news and entertainment (7820211) 9,25 Supermarket Sweep with host Date Winton (T) (2283476) 9.55 Regional News (T)

10.00 The Time, the Place presented by John Stapleton (46056) 10.30 This Morning (T) (18541940) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (6903872) 12.30 ITN News (T) (9183018)

12.55 Our House (T) (9191037) 1.25 Home and Away (58825698) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (3025582) 2.50 Garden Calendar (6495211)

3.20 News (T) (4422143)

3.25 Regional News (T) (4421414) 3.30 Jay's World (1) (1171380) 3.40 Kipper (7914292) 3.50 Oscar and Frienda (7910476) 4.00 The Giant Bear (1) 2254679) 4.15 CITV Animal of the Year Awards (2433766)

5.10 A Country Practice Rural medical drama (2090292)

5.40 ITN News (T) (968582) 6.00 Home and Away There is trouble in store for Fisher (r) (1) (726969) 6.25 HTV Weather (888360) 6.30 Regional News (T) (921)

7.00 Bruce's Price is Right Bruce Forsyth presents the popular quiz inviting audience members to come on down and compete for prizes (1) (7853)

7.30 Coronation Street Deirdre gets the shock of her life when she moves in with Jon and Chris has had enough of playing second fiddle to Des (T) (105)



Ray Ashcroft as DS Daly (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE The Bill: A Breach of Trust (1/2) DS Daly (Ray Ashcrott) is on the trail of a stalker (T) (6501) 8.30 Surprise! Surprise! Cilla Black arranges a meeting between Shakin' Stevens and a devoted fan, and whisks a

Home and Away enthusiast off on a trip to Justralia (T) (62124) 9.30 Diana, Princess of the People

10.00 News at Ten (1) (19327) 10.40 Late and Live Chat show with Dave Barrett and Patricia Yorston (9785501)

12.10am Short Story Cinema (3944631) 12.40 The Paul Ross Show From London's Cafe de Paris, Paul Ross presents a feast of comedy, music and special guests to usher in the weekend (5206419)

2.15 California Split (1974) Drama with George Sagal, Elliot Gould and Ann Prentiss. Directed by Robert Aliman (346934) 4.05 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club

(53106780) 4.30 Cool Vibes (47028148)

4.35 Coach (31964964) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (48438)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9191037) 2,50-3,20 Surprise Chefs (6495211) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2090292) 6.25-7.00 Central News (610196) 10.30 Central News (445766) 10.45 Film: Cannonball Fever (29209582) 2.10am The LADS (3134815) 2.40 Box Office America (3177070) 3.15 Baywatch (5570341)

### 5.20 Asian Eye (1640506) WESTCOUNTRY

4.50 Central Jobfinder '97 (31976709)

4.00 Helter Skelter (9966544)

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10,45 Film: Cannonball Fever (29209582)

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10,30 Angila News Extra (95747) 11.00 Film: Dr Phibes Rises Again (1973). A camp horror starring Vincent Price (511834)

SAC Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (40360) 9.00 Something So Right (96476) 9.30 Film: Stars and Stripes Forever (83729853) 11.05 The Playhouse (9471211) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (8835) 12.00 Sesame Street

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### CHANNEL 4 5.55am Sesame Street (78230)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (40360) 9.00 Something So Right American sitcom

9.30 Stars and Stripes Forever (1962) A musical biopic of the march king, John Philip Sousa. Starring Clifton Webb, directed by Henry Koster (63729853) 11.05 The Playhouse (1920, b/w) A Buster

(eaton short (9471211) 11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier Wild mushroom brioche; asparagus and herb strudel with courgettes, mixed berry tart in almond pasiry (Ť) (8835) 12.00 Sesame Street (64740) 12.30pm Baby Baby (43872) 1.00 Light Lunch (r) (Ť) (48327) 2.00 Channel 4 Racing from Epsom and

Haydock Live coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.05 and 3.40 races from Epsom and the 2.50 (Haydock Park Sprint

Bewitched (r) (T) (834) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8245563) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (9811094) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (698)



Chris Evans returns (6.00pm)

6.00 TFI Friday The first of a new series of the music and chat show hosted by Chris Evans (28563)

7.00 Channel 4 News (1), includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (296634) 7.55 Secret Buildings The Oxford Union (T)

8.00 Garden Party Tom Barber and the learn visit a group of small gardens in Moseley. Birmingham (1) (4143)

8.30 Brookside Sinbad has to decide what he is going to tell Carmel about Tinhead (T) 9.00 Friends Rachel wonders it she will get

another job after leaving Central Perk (T) (1953DB) 9,35 Cybill Comedy starring Cybill Shepherd

(f) (992476) 10,00 Frasier Martin is delighted to be dumped

by his girtfriend (T) (17969) 10.30 King of the Hitt Animation (326037) 11.05 TFI Friday (r) (573018)

12.05 am Clean, Shaven (1995) A drama about a man on the run from a mental institution, pursued by a detective who suspects him of child murder. Starring Peter Greene and Robert Albert, directed by Lodge H. Kerngan (9114591) 1.35 Robin Adult enimation (2322490)

1.40 Confession (1955, b/w) A drama about a priest who will not reveal what he knows about a murder he learnt about in the privacy of the contessional. Starring Sydney Chaplin and Patrick Allen. Directed by Ken Hughes (352457)

3.20 Twenty One Days (1937, b/w) A melodrama staming Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, directed by Basil Dean and Alexander Korda (7917728) 4.40 Takeover TV (r) (64247815)

5.10 Fluke Game show (r) (8829631)

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6.00am 5 News Early (7639308)

7.30 Wishbone (5893389) 8.00 Havakazoo (9617691) 8.30 WideWorld Producing power when tossil fuels run out (8/10) (1251872)

9.00 Espresso Consumer attairs magazine (7171853) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6352308) 10.30 The Car Show (r) (6667376) 11,00 Leeza Chat show (1799414) 11.50

Dauble Espresso (69011230) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (2962768) 12.30pm Family Affairs (1) (1) (9208308) 1.00 5 News Update (85365230) 1.05 Sunset Beach (1)

(8974582) 2.00 5's Company (8945143) 3.30 Pai Joey (1957) starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak, A Rogers and Hart musical set in San Francisco directed by George Sidney (7633124) 5.30 Move on Up Quiz game (1) (9424785)

6.00 100 Per Cent Game show (9421698) 6.30 Family Affairs Duncan is raduced to spying on Holly and Susie (T) (9405650) 7.00 Exclusive Entertainment (8487921)

7,30 5 News Special (9401834)

B.00 Whatever Happened To? (1991) starting Vanessa Redgrave and Lynn Redgrave, Brave (toothardy?) revisit to the plot of the Davis/Crawford classic Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? Directed by David Greene (96879259) 10.50 Le Femme Nikita A new senes about a young female government agent lighting global terrorism by any means available. Starring Peta Wilson (2813921)



Jeff Bridges contemplates (11.45pm)

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11.45 Stary Hungry (1976) starring Jeff Bridges and Sally Field. A wealthy Southerner, involved in buying a gym, becomes triendly with the bodybuilders who work out there and talls for a tough working-class girl. With Arnold Schwarzenegger. Directed by Bob Rafelson (5724563)

1.40am Barquero (1970) starring Lee Van Cleel, Forrest Tucker and Warren Cates. A officeat western drama about a ferryman and a mountain man who learn up to help to defend a small town being terrorised by a psychopath and his henchmen. Directed by Gordon Douglas (8535964)

3.40 The First of the Few (1942, b/w) starring Leslie Howard, who also directed, and David Niven. Wartime drama about the development of the Spitfire (6865983) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7129490)

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No surprises after Europe captain names Parnevik as other Ryder Cup wild card

# Ballesteros keeps faith with Faldo

FROM JOHN HOPKINS AT CRANS-SUR-SIERRE

NICK FALDO, the 1996 Masters champion, and Jesper Parnevik, who finished second in the Open, were chosen by Severiano Ballesteros yesterday to complete the Europe Ryder Cup team to play the United States at Valderrama from September 26 to 28. Although there were many rumours at the end that Ballesteros might surprise everyone, the captain has, in fact, selected the two outstanding candidates who had not qualified automatically.

Faldo, 40, will be making an eleventh appearance in this competition, a record for competitors from both Europe and the US. Though his performances this year have been generally lacklustre, he does have one victory in the US to his credit and he will bring great resolve and

It is the fourth time that he has had to be selected by the

### THE WILD CARDS

JESPER PARINEVIK (Swe) Age: 32 Appearances: Nil. Has finished second five times in tournaments the

captain. Parnevik, 32, will be making his debut in Spain.

Ballesteros's team is about the strongest that this continent can muster. This is just as well. Parnevik, a Swede, is placed eleventh on the US money list and seventeenth in the world rankings, and Faldo played such an heroic role in the singles in 1995.

The one thing that Ballesteros needs is his best players at the peak of their form if Europe is to stand any chance of retaining the trophy that was won so thrillingly on an autumo day at Oak Hill two years ago. The United States squad is formidable. It contains the winners of three of this year's four major championships, as well as six men who have won at least

one major championship. The announcement by Ballesteros came at tea-time on a day that had been notable

for a further display of animosity between Miguel Angel Martin, who was removed from the Ryder Cup team on ing his legal right through the Spanish courts, and Ballesteros, who at times can act rather hot-headedly and certainly did so yesterday.

"Martin is trying to screw everyone," Ballesteros said of his countryman and his attempt to regain his position on the Europe team by legal methods. "He is putting words into the mouth of everyone. Martin was not welcome before. Do you think he would be

Ballesteros was more cir cumspect when he revealed why he had chosen Parnevik and Faldo. "Parnevik has played some fantastic American tournaments this year." Ballesteros said. "He knows all the American players and is not intimidated by any of them. Valderrama is very much an American course. It demands the same game as

playing on the US tour. Nick Faldo has a tremen dous record in the Ryder Cup," Ballesteros said. "If I had to put my life on one player, Faldo would be my choice. Remember what he did at Oak Hill two years ago?"

Clear in the mind's eye is the picture of Ballesteros with tears pouring down his cheeks, rushing on to the 18th who had defeated Curtis Strange after being two down with three to play. "You are a great champion." Ballesteros said to Faldo.

His announcement brought an end to some fevered speculation as to whom he would choose. The captain, a smile playing around his mouth, revealed that he had told Faldo in a telephone call two weeks ago but had sworn him to secrecy because he thought it would be disrespectful to other members of the team if the news leaked out.

He made the call to Faido during the European Open, in Ireland. It was at this time and prise, when Ballesteros announced that he knew precisely what he was going to do. "Nobody else knows but I do. I am very happy," Ballesteros had said, mysteri-

ously, then. Faldo followed his captain's instructions to the letter again and again in the intervening



Ballesteros shares a joke with spectators in the first round of the Canon European Masters at Crans-sur-Sierre yesterday, while Faldo celebrates a holed chip at the 4th

weeks, denying that he knew he was in the team, even as recently as Wednesday afternoon. "What was I supposed to say?" Faldo asked.

"It brings me a lot of pleasure." Faldo said. "I have really been looking forward to it. I feel I can be a help on the course and in the team room. I

am the reigning major championship holder and American tournament-winner among Europeans and I've been on ten Ryder Cups. I think my credentials are OK."

The Ryder Cup committee has some fence mending to do now. They must respond to Martin to explain why a fax that Schofield sent him on Monday urged him to stand down before he sent another fax inviting the Spaniard to attend for a fitness test on Wednesday.

The committee has also to pacify José Nuñez, the minister for sport in Andalucia, who wrote to them pleading Mar-

is the first Briton to reach a

grand slam men's singles

semi-final since John Lloyd, in

the Australian Open, in 1977

Bjorkman, he would become

only the third British man

since Perry's last grand slam

tournament triumph to reach

a final. Bunny Austin was runner-up at Wimbledon in

1938. Lloyd was runner-up in

Melbourne. The last Briton to reach the US Open semi-finals

was Mike Sangster in 1961. A former coach to Andre Agassi. albeit briefly, Teacher

agreed, 16 months ago, to start

working with Rusedski. He

"Greg was struggling with

the return of serve and mak-

ing too many errors on the

volley." Teacher noted. "He

was not applying pressure

could see his potential.

tin's case, and Manuel Ballesteros, Severiano's brother, who is president of the Spanish PGA. The latter wrote to Schofield calling for a meeting between Martin and

the Ryder Cup committee. Late yesterday afternoon, there was a sense that Martin's case had been weakened

when it was revealed that, on Sunday evening, he had told Ballesteros: "If I were a pick for your team, I would stand down but, as I am the tenth man, I will not." Ballesteros. explaining this, grinned and described Martin as a "square

[the Martin affair] to rest." Faldo said, "It has been very difficult. Martin was another permutation that could not be predicted." Sadly, however, the case seems likely to run and run. The lawyers will see

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# Stubborn streak supports Rusedski's final ambition

THERE is an intransigent streak in Greg Rusedski that both pleases and frustrates Brian Teacher, his coach. That stubborness, in a lot of ways, serves him well," Teacher said yesterday, "but you have got to know when not to

Rusedski has paid due credit to Teacher after each of his five victories in the US Open men's singles, a sequence that has taken him to within two matches of becoming the first player representing Great Britain to win a grand slam men's singles title since Fred Perry in 1936. "He has helped me with my return of serve, my ground shots and my mental approach." Rusedski said. "I am getting some of his relaxed characteristics, getting laid back."

However, the pupil is not a slave to Teacher's instructions. "John McEnroe said something about Greg's forehand the other day that I had been trying to get him to do for the last year." Teacher recalled. "It was a little technical thing. on how he approaches the ball. McErroe comes up and says the same thing so I said to trying to tell you? Maybe now you will listen'."

Between Rusedski's quarter-final victory over Richard Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion, on Wednesday and his semi-final tomorrow with Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden, Teacher was facing another challenge in attempting to overcame his player's obdura-cy. The match between two unseeded semi-finalists coincides with a day of mourning in Britain and Rusedski said he would be tuning in to live

television coverage here of has not dropped a set yet. He Princess Diana's funeral. which is prior to match. "Just out of respect, 1 will probably watch," Rusedski had said after defeating Krajicek. The Canadian-born Briton has worn a black ribbon on court all week as a

mark of respect. "Hopefully, I will be able to handle the situation," he said. However. Teacher said: "I am going to advise him not to watch it. I do not want him being down emotionally going on court. I will say to him: What is going to be served by you focusing on it? Give a moment's silence out of respect, then move on. But, he wants to watch it, cannot keep him from

Rusedski, who celebrates his 24th birthday tomorrow.

Sangster, left, who was the last Briton to reach the US Open semi-finals before Rusedski's achievement

saw in his practices he was

way, way, way too lackadaisi-cal. He had so much room to improve. Greg is getting to the point where, even if he is not playing his best tennis, he is winning. do not think he played his best tennis against Krajicek. Richard did not play his best, but Greg competed better. This is the best I have seen Greg mentally. When he plays a bad point, he collects himself."

While the speed of Rusedski's service troubles op-ponents, it is the speed of his progress which has surprised Teacher. He had not imagined, for one moment, when the partnership began, that Rusedski might reach a grand slam semi-final in 1997. "I thought two or three years if things went well," Teacher

Rusedski's advance is the more remarkable for the physical difficulties he had to cope with: a wrist injury forced him to withdraw, while leading Pete Sampras, in the final of February, and he played with a back support at Wimbledon. Anything Martina Hingis can

Hingis fell off a horse and had knee surgery yet is having her best year. In the women's singles semi-finals today, Hingis, representing Switzer-land, will seek to reach her fourth grand slam final of 1997. She faces Lindsay Davenport, of the United States, Hingis is the top seed. Venus Williams, unseeded, another home nation player, faces Irina Spirlea, the eleventh seed, from Romania. in the



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